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WAR OFFICE DEMANDS RADICAL CHINA SOLUTION

Tokyo, To-day.

A strong warning against excessive eagerness to end the China Incident before a radical solution of the problems involved, is voiced in a War Office pamphlet in commemoration of Army Day.

"Up to now the North China and Kiangnan areas, as far as Nanking, have fallen into Japanese hands.

"These areas, however, make up only a section of Chinese territory still under the control of the National Government.

"With its enormous population and an area many times larger than Japan's, China, not being a modern state, seems to be suffering less acutely than a fully developed modern state, in spite of severity of losses both in men and money.

CONSPIRACY AGAINST JAPAN

"Because of these circumstances, China still plans long-term warfare, even after the fall of Nanking.

"China is also receiving war supplies from a number of foreign powers which are anxious to safeguard their interests and weaken Japan by protracting the National Government's resistance.

"There seems to be a conspiracy to reduce the strength of the Japanese Empire, and it is well known that the activities of the Soviet behind the scenes in China are an important factor in the plot."—Reuter.

CHINESE RAIDS IN SHANSI

Shanghai, To-day.

A fleet of Chinese planes raided the Japanese in south-west Shansi yesterday afternoon causing considerable damage.

Thirty-five Japanese troops were among the wounded and killed. — Our Own Correspondent.

Negotiations Over Wall: Women Supply Food

Hong Kong's first demonstration of a sit-down strike developed this morning with dramatic suddenness, when one thousand employees of the Chung Hwa Book Company, at Ma Tau Wai declared a lightning strike at 9 a.m., barricaded themselves inside the compound and refused to allow anyone in or out.

Three detachments of the Police Emergency Unit, rushed to the area, found themselves virtually helpless in the face of a unique situation. A cordon was thrown round the works and efforts were made to persuade the strikers to negotiate their grievances in more peaceful manner, but their overtures were rejected.

Round the walls and over the gates of the factory is a heavy barbed wire obstruction, placing the strikers at a strategic advantage.

Inside, the strikers' pickets were preventing the manager, Mr. K. C. Chow, and Mr. W. Rawitz, understood to be connected with Siemens China Limited, from leaving the premises.

It is understood that the strike is occasioned by a demand for higher wages, and is the second dispute between the employees and the firm to occur in recent weeks.

Over a thousand men are affected, nearly all of them being Shanghai men. The company is a Shanghai company, the Ma Tau Wai works being a branch of the main concern.

GATES PICKETED

The down-tools signal came as a complete surprise and was followed by a swift rush to and closing of the gates and the replacement of the police watchmen inside by strikers' pickets, the remainder of the strikers assembling in the compound inside the San Chan Street gate.

Assistant Superintendent of Police R. H. E. Marks, Divisional Inspector A. E. Carey and other

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CHIANG'S TRIP

Hankow, To-day.

Marshal Chiang Kai-shek flew to the Tungkwan area yesterday and visited all military positions on the Lung-Hai Line. — Our Own Correspondent.

ZEISS-INQUART BERLIN FLIGHT RUMOURS

Berlin, To-day.

The Austrian Minister of the Interior, Herr Zeiss-Inquart, and other Austrian Nazi leaders, flew to Berlin by special plane on Wednesday night to discuss the situation raised by the plebiscite with Herr Hitler, says a rumour here.

Official German quarters neither deny nor confirm the reports which have spread like wildfire through the city.

It is stated that the next steps to be taken were discussed at length with the Fuehrer and that Herr Zeiss-Inquart flew back to Vienna last evening.

That Herr Zeiss-Inquart will confer with Dr. Schuschnigg and that an official announcement on the Nazi attitude towards the latest developments will soon be forthcoming, is expected in political circles here. — Trans-Ocean.

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LADY BARRISTER ON SECOND WORLD CRUISE

Miss Ashworth Among The First Women To Be Admitted

by Ursula Jeffries

One of the most interesting and distinguished passengers on board the R.M.S. Empress of Britain is Miss Mercy Ashworth, a London barrister who, not only was part of the driving force behind the movement to urge Government to pass the Sex Disqualification (Removal) Act in 1919, but



WEARING A THEME SONG. The charming head-scarf fashion, so long a campus style and always becoming to a young face, has emerged from college gates to go about with tailored suits and coats in town and country. This scarf, "America the Beautiful," is one of the theme-song designs. Its pattern includes the notes of the song, picturizations of typical American scenes, and words "Old Faithful," "Old Man of the Mountain." Another of the theme-song scarves is "The Sidewalks of New York," in which the roofs of the tall buildings follow the position of the notes of the song as they appear on the musical staff. The fabric of these theme-song scarves is pure silk satin.

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was also among the very first of her sex to break into that guarded stronghold of man—the Bar!

Meeting and speaking to Miss Ashworth yesterday, I found it hard to realise that this kindly, gentle old lady had worked with such determination and zeal to pave a way for women through professional fields hitherto reserved for men only.

FIRST DINNER IN HALL

It was fifteen years ago since she "ate her way to Bar" as she explained it, but memories of her first dinner in Hall are still fresh, mainly because not even the most prosaic student could fail to be stirred by it, she said.

Some of the thrill she felt was imparted to me as I sat and let her draw a mental picture of that impressive event. I saw the large Hall with its polished oak and gleaming silver and naper. I saw the long rows of tables where sat the staff of the four Inns of Court, the barristers and students. I was impressed with the custom of formal drinking, whereby the barristers and students greeted each other in pairs, first sideways then diagonally across the tables of four. Then there followed the ceremony of lighting a candle in the Senior Mess—this was a sign that they were permitted to smoke.

"I have never seen anyone smoke even after the candle was lit. I don't know why they didn't," she remarked.

Continuing, Miss Ashworth explained that no one can become a barrister without being a member of one of the four Inns of Court—Gray's Inn, Lincoln's Inn, Inner Temple, and Middle Temple. She, herself, is a member of Lincoln's Inn. Nor, for that matter, can anyone become a barrister without "eating her dinners", which means just exactly what it says.

There are four terms a year, and the student must eat six dinners a term, or three if she is a member of a university. Miss Ashworth who received her degree at Cambridge

was, therefore, only required to eat three. The size of the helpings indicates long custom in catering for the male appetite!

COMPULSORY EXAMINATIONS

Apart from this very pleasant social side of the proceedings, there are the Bar examinations. Part I consisting of four papers which may be taken separately, and Part II (the Final) the four papers of which must be taken together.

In the old days, students were not required to pass any examinations, she stated. They became barristers after completing a term which is known as "Reading in Chambers", which means that they were admitted into a barrister's office and merely acted as his assistant for a certain set period. Now, however, the examinations are compulsory, and whether or not a student is admitted to the Bar, is left entirely to the discretion of the Benches of the Four Inns of Court. They may reject any person they deem unsuitable.

Since her admittance to the Bar, Miss Ashworth has dealt principally with cases involving the Rents Restriction Act, and because of this she is immensely interested in the Colony's problem.

In conclusion, the lady barrister revealed that this is her second cruise round the world, and that her last visit to Hong Kong was made thirty years ago when Lord Lugard was Governor of the Colony. She stayed at the Hong Kong Hotel at the time and remembered that Kowloon was then merely Chinese territory. In making the trip round the New Territories yesterday afternoon, she was amazed at Kowloon's growth, and though the weather was wet, making visibility poor through the window of the car, she saw enough of the New Territories to be enthusiastic about it from a scenic point of view. "I can't go about Hong Kong now without comparing the old with the new," she concluded. Miss Ashworth is making the present cruise for health reasons.

LEARN DANCING WITH ME:

By Santos Casani

(Famous Teacher of Dancing)

THE NEW TANGO OF 1937

Why is it the average English dancer has an inferiority complex concerning the Tango? I have noticed in many ball-rooms instead of taking the floor when the Tango music is being played many couples just sit it out and make no attempt to dance. When I question them they all tell me they do not "feel" they can dance the Tango gracefully enough. But I tell them they will never learn by sitting it out. Then comes the obvious retort that the Tango is of Latin origin, and that the Latin races possess a mysterious something called "temperament", and, therefore, know how to dance it rhythmically.

Let me assure dancers that across yourself. You will then, though they may have what you call "temperament" the Latins cannot feel a small lock about mid thigh. dance the Tango any better than the English. The average Frenchman, for instance, instead of dancing the Tango, steps what I should describe as a very bad Foxtrot when Tango music is being played. With superb confidence they take the floor, every-one of them, and thoroughly enjoy themselves. It is a matter of getting on with the dance to them: they do not bother about the accuracy of any steps and if they did, it would be a matter of having to re-learn the correct Tango steps, anyway.

Tango music, possessing a very marked rhythm, makes dancing easy. Let shy dancers realise this! The Tango is really a much easier dance than any of our English dances. Practical reasons for this statement are:—in our dances we cover a lot of ground, travelling at a fair speed, demanding perfect control over our bodies and the ability to transfer our weight smoothly and evenly. Additional to this we use a lot of bodily movement, rising, falling, and swaying movements. In the Tango none of these things are apparent. A simple and somewhat crude way of describing the Tango is that we walk very slowly round the floor on flat feet. Whilst this is quite true the explanation does not convey the rhythm and grace of our slow walk on flat feet. But I do wish to emphasise that the Tango is a very easy dance.

POSITIONS FOR TANGO

Face your Line of Dance, put your feet together and turn both your toes one inch to your Left. The Right side of our body will now be slightly in advance of the Left side. Your partner is held a little to your Right side, and is guided to a large extent by your Right hip. Her toes are also an inch to Her left. Take the Left foot back a little and get well balanced between the two feet. Now relax the knees gently.

THE WALK

This is the most difficult part of the dance. You will listen to the music, and will hear two decided beats coming into each bar. Each of these beats is equivalent to a slow step, a walk in fact. Your quick steps will take just half that amount of music.

A feature of the Walk is that it is not continuous as in other dances. Having taken a step forward on your Right foot from the position outlined above, making sure that it comes to the ground simultaneously with one of the strong beats of music, you must leave the Left foot behind you for about half a beat, and then flick it forward quickly on the next strong beat.

Repeat this right round the room. Don't stop till the last possible minute. Make sure that your feet are going straight in front of each other. As your Right side is always slightly in advance of your Left side, you will find that, in order to get the Left foot straight in front of the Right foot, you must feel that you are stepping a little

This will disappear whenever the Right foot is forward.

Due also to this rather sideways position, you will notice, if you are walking correctly, that you are progressing not straight forward, but round the circumference of an imaginary large circle. Make your stride on your Right foot a comfortable length and step on to heel. This applies to both man and girl for every forward and every sideways step, always on the heel. Pick your feet up just clear of the floor. This is a peculiarity of the Tango as opposed to our own dances, and is made possible by our slow rate of progress. Do this Walk again counting—'One' 'and' 'Two' 'and' for each bar of music—Thus—Step forward on to the Right foot.

Count 1

Allow the Left knee relax until it is nearly level with the Right knee.

Count 'and'

Flick the Left foot forward and stand on it.

Count 2

Allow the Right knee to relax.

Count 'and'

Step forward on the Right foot and repeat the whole movement.

Practice this carefully. Settle down on the floor and feel really comfortable. Don't forget that a good Walk is fifty per cent of Tango.

If you are in doubt on any point, please write to me care of the Editor of this Journal enclosing a Stamped Addressed Envelope.

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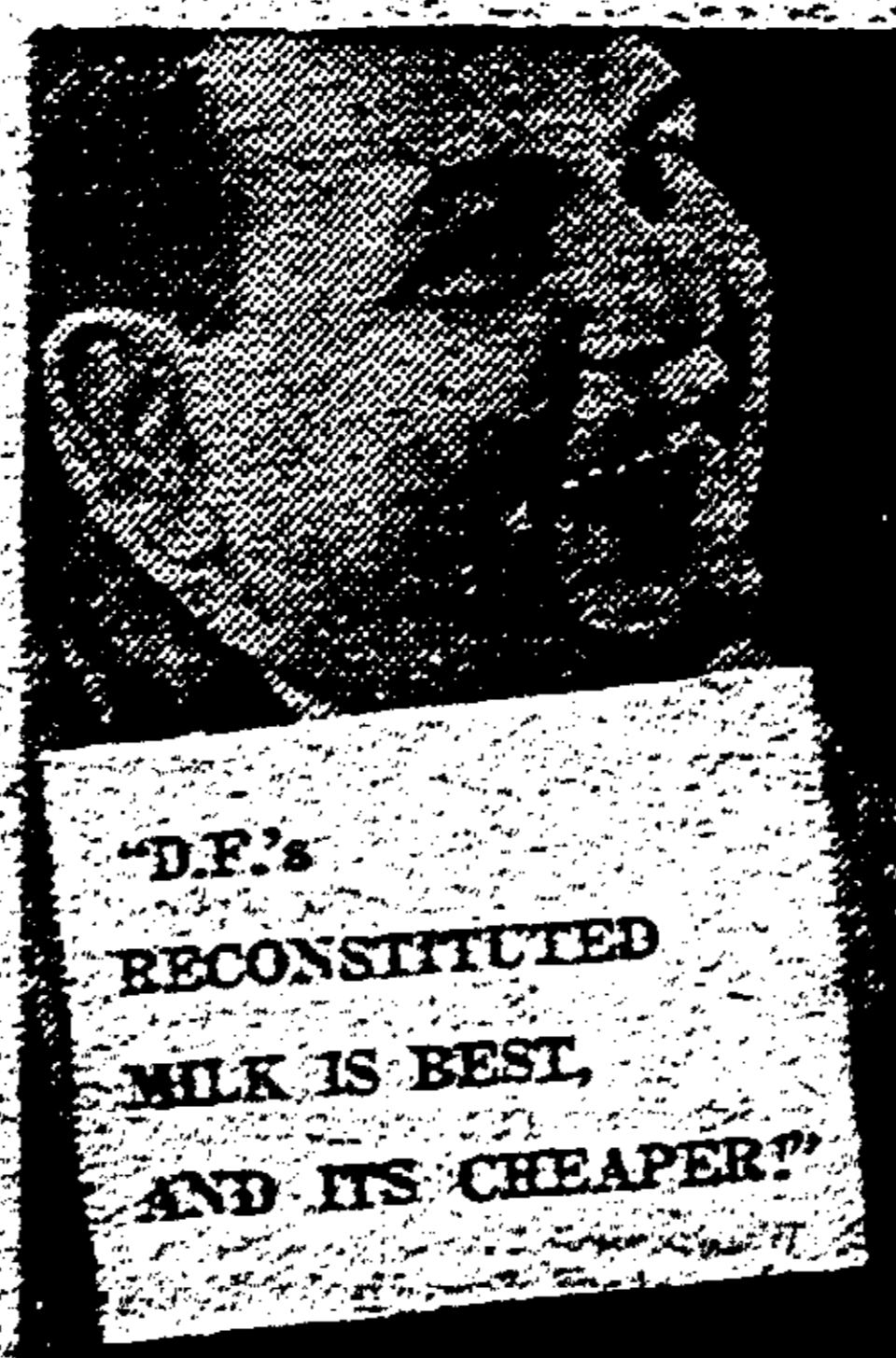
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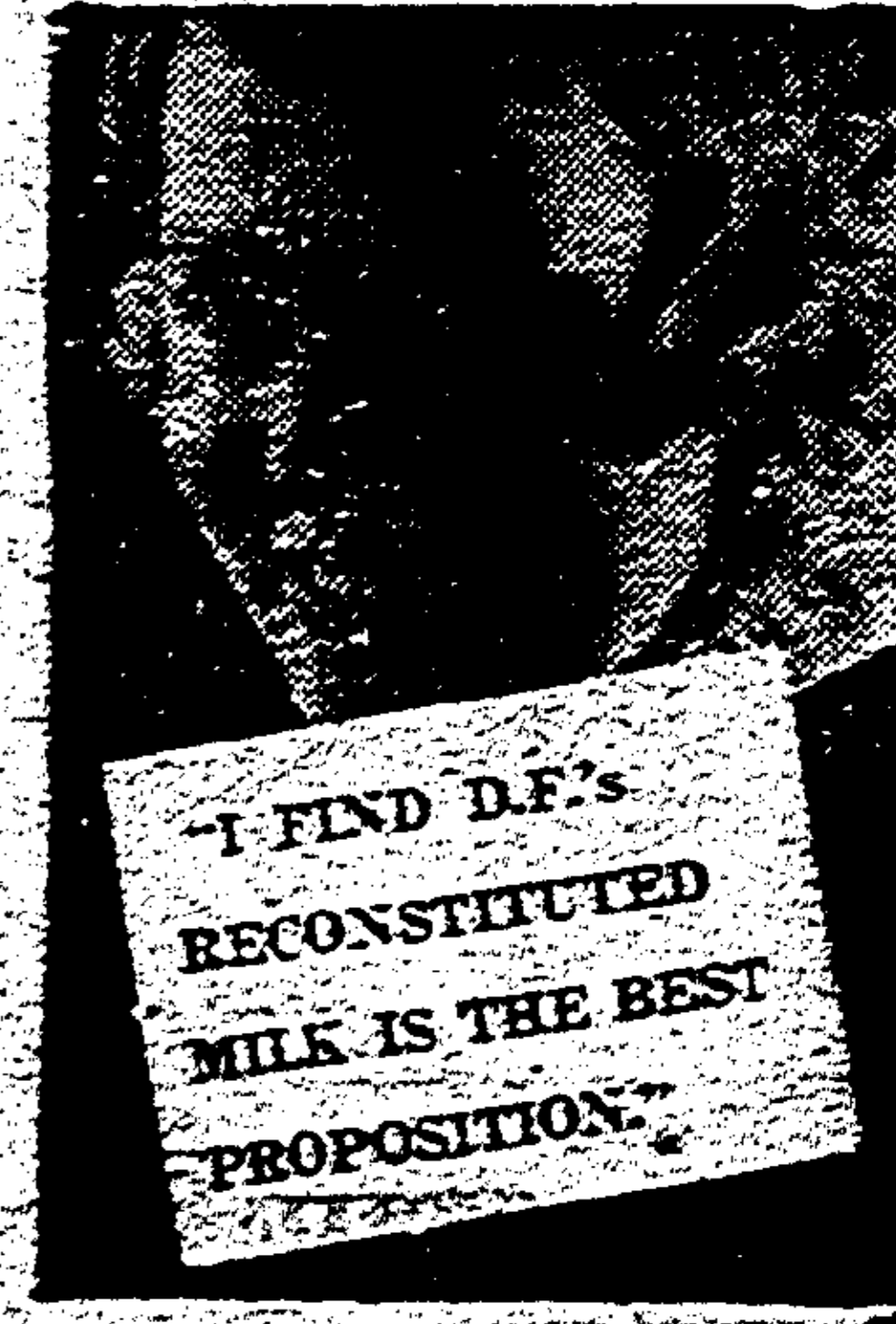



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GODOWN COMPANY'S GOOD YEAR: SUGGESTION FOR SPLITTING UP SHARES

MENTION OF AN ABNORMALLY SUCCESSFUL YEAR, GLOWING TRIBUTES TO THE RETIRING SECRETARY, MR. F. H. CRAPNELL, AND A PROPOSAL BY SIR HENRY POLLOCK FOR THE SPLITTING UP OF SHARES IN ORDER TO LET IN SMALL INVESTORS, WERE THE CHIEF FEATURES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE HONG KONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY HELD IN THE BOARD ROOM OF MESSRS. JARDINE, MATHESON AND COMPANY THIS MORNING.

The Chairman, the Hon. Mr. J. J. Paterson, said:—

The outstanding feature of the year's working is the increase in revenue from all sources. Earnings for the first half of the year had shown a decided increase over 1936 and then during the latter months receipts were further increased from the large quantities of cargo, consigned to other ports, which were forced on us. No increases in rates have been made since trouble in the north started.

DIVERTED CARGO

With the sudden influx of diverted cargo it became imperative to build further accommodation in addition to the various leased godowns and spaces which had been acquired immediately. Accordingly three godowns of light construction were built, at a cost of \$111,600.00, to ease the situation as much as possible. These buildings were erected in something like record time, for from date of commencement they were ready for occupation within 21 days; the total capacity of the three being 22,000 tons.

We were fortunate to escape serious damage from the Typhoon which passed over the Colony during the night of 1st September last. All launches and lighters were safely in shelter. No. 1 wharf was slightly damaged by a steamer drifting on to it. Otherwise your Kowloon property was little the worse. The wharf at West Point, being in a more exposed position, lost most of the decking and a number of piles whilst the roofs of four houses attached to the West Point Godowns were blown away. Part of the cost of repairs was recovered under insurance.

TONNAGE INCREASE

During the year 908,900 tons of cargo were landed from 1,255 steamers, this is an increase of 238,520 tons over the previous year whilst there was a decrease of 86 in the number of vessels to discharge.

Turning to the accounts you will notice that \$22,200 has been expended on Lighters and there is a sum of \$70,800 outstanding. This expenditure represents a contract for twelve new lighters now being built to add to our fleet. The necessity for this addition has become increasingly apparent during the year; existing craft have been fully employed and we have from time to time been compelled to hire outside craft to cope with work afloat.

BONUS TO STAFF

A considerable amount of extra work was carried out by the staff during the abnormal conditions which obtained during the last five months of the year, and in view of this, the Directors decided to grant a special bonus which is shown in the Profit and Loss Account.

In view of the satisfactory result of last year's working your Directors decided to provide an additional \$100,000 for depreciation of the concrete wharf which stood in the books at a high figure.

The balance available for appropriation is \$1,164,411.65 which includes the amount of \$208,623.14 brought forward from previous year. Your Directors recommend that this be dealt with as follows:—

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Transfer to Repairs & Renewals A/c	150,000.00
Carry forward to next account	249,411.65
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SIR HENRY POLLOCK'S PROPOSAL

In seconding adoption of the report and accounts, the Hon. Sir Henry Pollock said:—The magnificent figures before us make my task an easy one but I should like to congratulate the Directors on this fine report of the year's work and to say that the shareholders approve wholeheartedly of the bonus given to the staff for their hard work through the trying year they have had.

On this question of the staff, I should further like to express the gratitude of the shareholders to our retiring secretary, Mr. Crapnell, who has for so many years looked after our interests. We wish him long years of happiness in the Old Country.

There is one point I should like to mention, and that is—a subject on which I have addressed a letter to the Board of Directors; it is the question of splitting shares. I hope it will receive the consideration of the Directors as I feel that in a good, steady and progressing company such as this, there is no risk in letting in small investors and no risk of rigging the market. There is no reason why the small investor should not be let in on a good steady business of this sort.

The Chairman thanked Sir Henry for his kind remarks "I was going to express the gratitude of myself and the Directors to Mr. Crapnell and our sorrow at his departure," he continued, "but as I have been asked by Mr. Crapnell not to do all I can do is to endorse Sir Henry's remarks."

The report and accounts were then adopted.

OTHER BUSINESS

The appointment of the Hon. Mr. S. H. Dodwell as a director was confirmed and the re-election of the retiring directors, Sir Robert Ho Tung, Mr. J. H. Jessen, Mr. Lawrence Kadoorie and Mr. T. B. Wilson was approved.

Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming and Messrs. Linstead and Davis were re-elected auditors.

The chairman stated that Sir Henry Pollock's letter was received late yesterday afternoon and was now being circulated to the Board. He assured Sir Henry that it would receive every attention.

The following attended:—The Hon. Mr. J. J. Paterson (chairman), Mr. Frank Austin, Mr. D. Drummond, Hon. Mr. M. T. Johnson, Mr. A. H. Compton, Hon. Mr. S. H. Dodwell, Mr. L. Kadoorie, Mr. J. H. Jessen, Mr. T. B. Wilson (Directors), Mr. F. H. Crapnell, (Secretary) and the following shareholders:—Sir Henry Pollock, Messrs. D. Mackenzie, A. Mackenzie, Thomson, J. M. Alves, J. Fullerton, D. F. Landale, G. W. Sewell, Kwok Hin-wang, C. A. L. Rickett and A. Bent Smith.

FASCIST GRAND COUNCIL DISCUSSION

Rome, To-day.

The Fascist Grand Council adjourned until 10 o'clock to-night after hearing a complete exposition of the international situation from Count Ciano, the Foreign Minister, presumably including the progress of the Anglo-Italian talks and the Italian attitude towards recent events in Austria.

The almost entire absence of press comment on the Austrian developments has left the Italian public bewildered regarding Italian policy towards the Nazi encroachments. — Reuter.

The foremost musical picture of the present year, "The Firefly," starring Jeannette MacDonald and Allan Jones and Warren William is the current attraction at the King's Theatre. Jeannette MacDonald, scores a personal triumph as the colourful dancing girl of Madrid.

Britain Declines To Discuss Colony Issue

London, To-day.

It is believed that Lord Halifax, the Foreign Secretary, in his talk with Herr Joachim von Ribbentrop, the German Foreign Minister, yesterday, outlined the attitude of the British Government towards the problems of Central Europe, particularly Austria and Czecho-Slovakia.

Main purpose of the talks was to decide the opportune moment to follow up the earlier contacts between Lord Halifax, Sir Neville Henderson (Ambassador in Berlin) and Herr Hitler.

"It is believed the British Government is no less anxious for a settlement with Germany than with Italy.

The German view, however, is that colonies are the outstanding question between the two countries.

Britain maintains that this is a subject in which other countries are concerned, and that any discussion of the German colonial claim must be linked with the wider question of European peace. —Reuter.

LONG DISCUSSION

London, To-day.

Herr von Ribbentrop's conversations with Lord Halifax at the Foreign Office lasted nearly two and a half hours, which was longer than expected.

Herr von Ribbentrop was accompanied by the German Charge d'Affaires, Dr. Woermann. —Reuter.

JAPANESE ADVANCE INTO SHENSI

Shanghai, To-day.

The Japanese officially claim that two detachments crossed the Yellow River in the northernmost section of Shensi, opposite Huku, at dawn yesterday and by evening had taken possession of two small villages on the far side of the river.

The river in this sector is still frozen.

This is the first Japanese mention of crossing of the river. —Reuter.

A Trans-Ocean message from Tokyo says that the Japanese claim that their troops are not far from the Great Wall and advanced into Shensi Province, which thereby is the eighth Chinese province to come into the theatre of war.

The two villages occupied, says Trans-Ocean, are Tatan and Hsitan, in Shensi.

CORONATION EXPRESS FOR WORLD'S FAIR

London, To-day.

The London Midland and Scottish Railway's "Coronation Express" will be sent to the New York World Fair next year, declared Sir Josiah Stamp, Chairman of the company, yesterday.

After the visit to the United States, the famous train will be sent to Canada on an exhibition run across the Dominion. —Reuter.

FOREIGN NEWS AGENCIES REFUSE JAP. DEMANDS

Shanghai, To-day.

After consultation with the diplomatic and consular authorities, where it was pointed out that the Chinese censors, when they were in control, had never claimed the right to scrutinise copy before its issue, the foreign news agencies yesterday decided to ignore the Japanese censors' demand.

The Japanese censors had stated that two copies of news items, translated into Chinese for publication in the Chinese press, were to be submitted before issue to the Chinese press.

The foreign news agencies have also decided that they will not even acknowledge the Japanese circular.

JAPANESE RETRACTION

Later a Japanese Embassy spokesman announced that it was not necessary for foreign agencies to adhere to the demand of the censors, at least in so far as it concerned agencies belonging to states with extraterritorial rights in Shanghai, that is Reuter's, United Press and Havas.

As regards agencies whose States had no extraterritorial rights, that is Trans-Ocean and Tass, the question was one which would have to be referred and worked out between the agencies and the Censorship Bureau. —Reuter.

NON-COMMITTAL

Shanghai, To-day.

None of the foreign news agencies in Shanghai, states a reliable quarter, will submit to the Japanese censorship.

Asked whether the Japanese authorities would use compulsion in the case of those agencies whose states have no extraterritorial rights, a Japanese Embassy spokesman said "It would be better to ask the censor himself." —Trans-Ocean.

ARABS GIVEN DEATH SENTENCES

Jerusalem, To-day.

Two Arabs were sentenced to death by the military court yesterday on a charge of possession of arms.

The men were arrested in a combined police and military expedition, and are alleged to have participated in the attack on a British outpost recently in which two British soldiers were killed. —Reuter.

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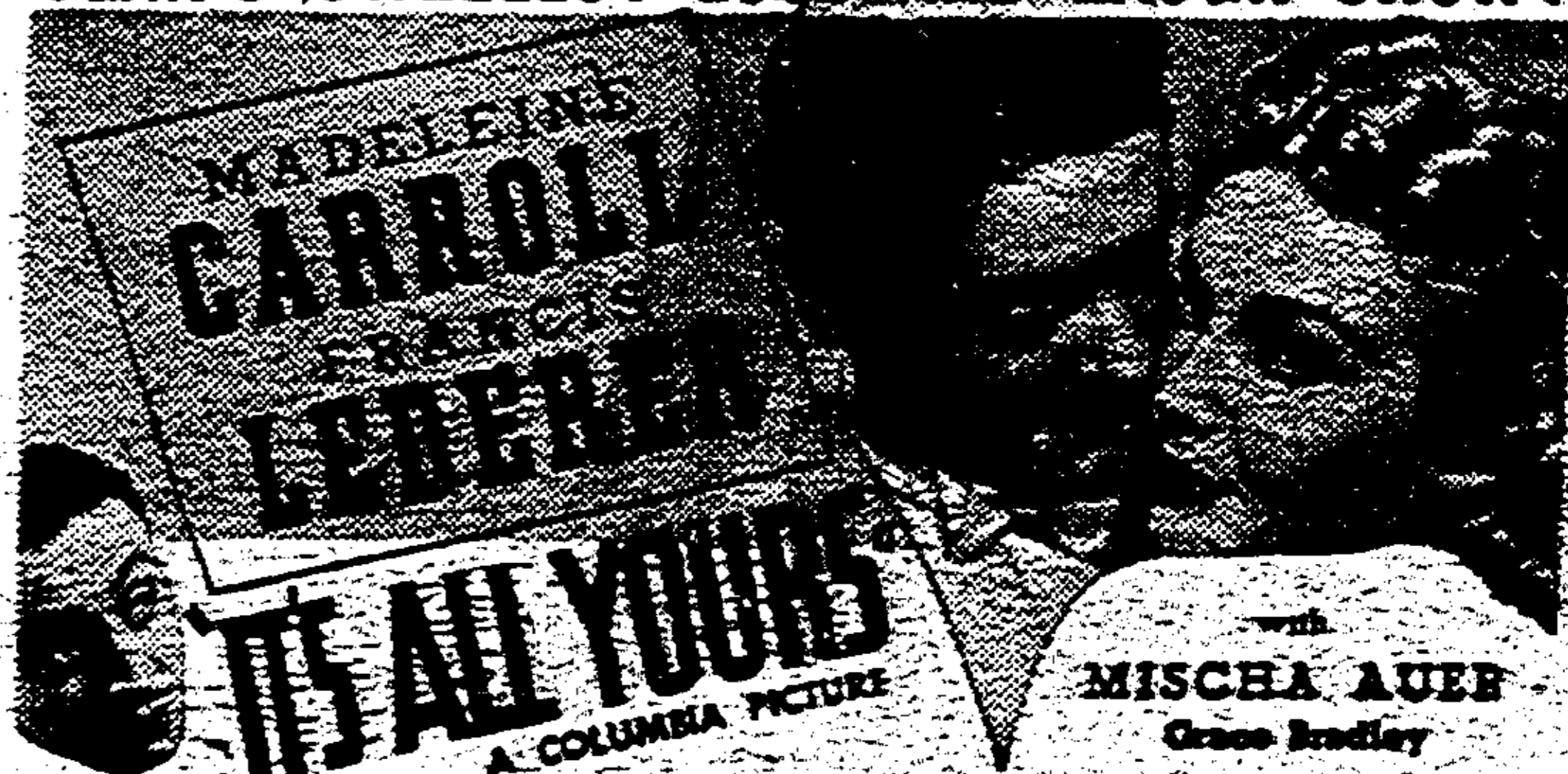
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SECRET SESSION IN TOKYO FAILS TO END GRAVE POLITICAL CRISIS

Tokyo, To-day.

The controversy between the political parties and the Government on the constitutionality of the National Mobilisation Bill could not be bridged over at a secret session held between the Government and party leaders yesterday.

The opposition of the parties is now directed with unmistakable clearness against the leadership of the Army, which is accused of designing to use the Mobilisation Bill to abrogate to itself dictatorial powers.

Even the personal intervention of the Prime Minister, Prince Konoye, who expressly assured the parties that the plenary powers to be bestowed by the Bill would be used strictly in accord with the letter of the constitution, and that "all terrorist elements who want to attain their goal by the use of force will be suppressed, and both the Fascists and the Popular Front are irreconcilable with Japanese principles," was unable to break the opposition of the parties.

PARTIES' THREAT

The parties continue to insist on a thorough recasting of the Mobilisation Bill and threaten that if this demand is refused they will exercise in Parliament the strongest opposition to the measure in its present form.

It is learned that the chief claim made by the parties at yesterday's secret session was that the Mobilisation Bill should only

be valid for the duration of the state of war, and that the fundamental rights of civilians should be expressly safeguarded.

According to the view of the whole Japanese press, the prospects for forming of a united party under the leadership of Prince Konoye, advocated a few days ago as a solution of the present inner political conflict, has now definitely been scotched.

CABINET ANTAGONISMS

The semi-official Domei news agency says that considerable antagonisms in the Cabinet itself have now come to light, since the Foreign Minister, Mr. Koki Hirota, is not prepared to declare himself in agreement with formation of a "Supreme Council for Chinese Affairs" independent of his Ministry.

Mr. Hirota is reported to have said that this would jeopardise the uniformity of foreign policy.

Trans-Ocean

Blum Agrees To Form New French Government

Paris, To-day.

M. Camille Chautemps, in his speech to the Chamber of Deputies yesterday before he and his Ministers walked out, declared that the Government was obliged to resign owing to "insurmountable difficulties" with the Treasury.

He gave a brief explanation of the proposed Enabling Bill which, he said, would have not been incompatible with Republican principles, since it neither paved the way for a dictatorship nor sought to water down social reforms.

Differences of opinion had arisen between the Government and the majority parties.

APPEAL FOR UNITY

He appealed for unity to preserve social peace internally and to preserve French prestige abroad. He would gladly make room for a Government on a broader basis.

M. Leon Blum, former Socialist Premier and Deputy Premier under M. Chautemps, has been asked by President Lebrun to form a Cabinet. M. Blum has accepted.

POPULAR FRONT REVIVAL

Paris, To-day.

Before asking M. Leon Blum to form a new Cabinet, President Lebrun had conversations with the president of the Senate and the president of the Chamber, M. Edouard Herriot.

President Lebrun also had a long talk with M. Chautemps when the latter called to hand in his resignation.

M. Chautemps told pressmen that he would under no circumstances undertake formation of a new Government.

Various parties held consultations yesterday. Both the Communists and Social-Democrats declared in favour of the Popular Front.

STABLE GOVERNMENT

M. Blum told friends that he was determined to assemble a Cabinet capable of carrying on a stable Government. As soon as he was commissioned to form a Cabinet, M. Blum called on the presidents of the Senate and Chamber.

Whether the Radical-Socialists will enter a new Popular Front Government led by M. Blum will be decided during talks between M. Blum and two Radical-Socialist leaders, M. Edouard Daladier and M. Chautemps.

Trans-Ocean

GREAT EXCITEMENT ON AUSTRIAN PLEBISCITE

Decisive Majority For Schuschnigg Predicted

NAZIS PROTESTING AGAINST THE DECISION

Vienna, To-day.

Both the Austrian Nazis and members of the Fatherland Front are convinced that the plebiscite on Sunday will result in a decisive majority for the Chancellor, Dr. Kurt von Schuschnigg, even if the Nazis vote "No."

Nazi provincial centres have telegraphed to President Miklas and Herr Zeiss-Inquart, Minister of the Interior, protesting that the plebiscite is unconstitutional.

Herr Zeiss-Inquart and Dr. Schuschnigg were engaged in day-long negotiations, stated to be partly political and partly economic.

It is believed that Herr Zeiss-Inquart's hand in the negotiations was greatly strengthened by the arrival from Berlin of the Secretary of State, Herr Keppler, Herr Hitler's economic adviser, who is believed to have brought a message from the Fuehrer.

"BOLSHEVISATION"

It is understood that Herr Zeiss-Inquart told Dr. Schuschnigg that he could not tolerate "Bolshevisation of the Fatherland Front," referring to the Government's negotiations for support of the workers and Herr Hitler at the same time.

It is suggested that the Nazis are demanding other Government positions and that considerable pressure was brought to bear.

Meanwhile, instructions have been issued to the Nazis to abstain from voting on Sunday, with the rider "unless a contrary order is given on Saturday evening."

NAZI DEMANDS

The demands that Herr Zeiss-Inquart made to Dr. Schuschnigg are generally believed to have included.

Firstly, postponement of the plebiscite to give time for a Nazi propaganda campaign.

Secondly, two more Cabinet posts for the Nazis.

Herr Keppler is understood to have pressed for acceptance of Germany's scheme of economic co-operation with Austria, involving an extensive scheme of barter of Austrian agricultural products for German armaments and a substantial diversion of Austrian raw materials to Germany.

The Austrians hitherto have resisted this demand.—Reuter.

BERLIN ATTITUDE

Berlin, To-day.

Strict reserve is being maintained by official quarters regarding the Austrian plebiscite.

The referendum, however, is the main topic of discussion in political quarters, where the opinion prevails that it is a "blow in the face of democratic principles."

It is thought that Dr. Schuschnigg decided some time ago on holding a plebiscite, and say that Sunday will be a "critical day" for Austria.—Trans-Ocean.

CHAMBERLAIN SILENT

London, To-day.

Questioned in the Commons, the Prime Minister said he had no statement to make on the Austrian plebiscite.—British Wireless.

GERMANY GROWS INDIGNANT

Berlin, To-day.

A tide of indignation and disgust over Dr. Schuschnigg's behaviour is rising in Germany.

The press accuses Dr. Schuschnigg of hoodwinking the Nazi representatives in the Cabinet and denying Austrian Nazis equality of status which they should derive from the Berchtesgaden agreement.—Reuter.

GERMAN PAPERS TO BE CENSORED

Vienna, To-day.

Sharp censorship of all German newspapers distributed in Austria has been ordered from Friday to Tuesday.

Only after the approval of the board of censors will sale of German newspapers be permitted.—Trans-Ocean.

GERMAN PROTEST

Vienna, To-day.

A protest was lodged last night by the German Legation with the Federal Chancellor against the Austrian imposition of a stricter censorship during the plebiscite on all German newspapers in Austria.—Trans-Ocean.

MINISTER CANCELS BERLIN TRIP

Vienna, To-day.

The Austrian Minister for National Defence, General Wilhelm Zehner, will not make his planned visit to Berlin, it is reported here. Originally it had been planned that General Zehner would arrive in Berlin on Sunday to represent, as he did last year, the Austrian Army at the German celebration of "Heroes Memorial Day"—Trans-Ocean.

BUDGET DAY IN COMMONS FIXED

London, To-day.

The Prime Minister announced in the House of Commons yesterday that the Budget will be introduced in Parliament on April 26.—Reuter.

GERMANY REVEALS ANNOYANCE

Berlin, To-day.

After maintaining strict silence on Dr. Schuschnigg's speech and Sunday's plebiscite, the German press last evening published short but sharp comment on the developments.

The papers unanimously denounce the step, which they point out was taken in the absence of the Nazi Ministers at the Austrian Cabinet meeting, and they predict that it will have political repercussions.

"There can be no question of free voting," declares the "Berliner Boersan Zeitung."

"Lack of election lists and control of all kinds leaves the door wide open to political chicanery of a definite type. One wonders apprehensively what the outcome of this scarcely comprehensible announcement will be."—Trans-Ocean.

UGLY COLLISION AT LINZ

Linz, To-day.

Rifles, life-preservers and clubs were used in an ugly collision between Nazis and the Fatherland Front Storm Corps shortly after midnight. Ten were seriously injured.

The Nazi leaders stated that unless the police disarm the Storm Troopers they will not answer for the consequences.

Herr Zeiss-Inquart, the Home Minister, has cancelled his broadcast scheduled for tonight. It is reported that he is contemplating resignation as a protest against the Government's rejection of his demand for postponement of the plebiscite and inclusion of two more Nazis in the Cabinet.—Reuter.

TRUNCHEONS USED IN VIENNA

Vienna, To-day.

Police truncheons were again in evidence here last night when a fierce fight took place to keep demonstrating mobs in check.

It will be recalled that as a sign of a return to normal conditions, the Vienna police dispensed with their weapons some months ago.

With tension last night at breaking point, police patrolled the streets.—Trans-Ocean.

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SCHUSCHNIGG ACTS ON OWN INITIATIVE

Vienna, Yesterday.
The plebiscite has resulted in an atmosphere of tense political nervousness.

Outward signs of this tension are everywhere apparent especially in the main streets, which are filled with excited crowds. Mechanised police detachments are stationed at the principal corners.

It is thought here that Dr. Schuschnigg's decision to hold plebiscite was taken entirely on his own initiative in a final effort to secure approval for his policy. —Trans-Ocean.

LONDON INTERESTED

London, To-day.
Announcement of the Austrian plebiscite came as a complete surprise

DRAMATIC RAID ON NANKING

Hankow, To-day.

Two squadrons of Chinese planes carried out a daring air raid on Nanking yesterday, and claimed to have destroyed ten Japanese planes on the ground. The Chinese report that the raid was a complete surprise to the Japanese, no enemy planes taking off and no anti-aircraft guns opening fire. The Chinese claim that all the raiding planes returned safely to their base. —Reuter.

in London and forms the main item of news in the press.

Despite flaring headlines there is a lack of editorial comment.

The "Daily Telegraph" however, speaks of "this bold move by Dr. Schuschnigg" and says the plebiscite is a "piece of very clever diplomacy." —Trans-Ocean.

INDIANS REFUSE TO ADOPT BUDGET

New Delhi, To-day.

The Indian Finance Bill, which was rejected by the Assembly on Wednesday, was brought up again yesterday with the Governor-General's recommendation that it be passed.

However, the Legislature again refused to adopt the Bill. —Reuter.

SUN YAT SEN ANNIVERSARY

A memorial meeting in commemoration of the thirteenth anniversary of the death of the late Dr. Sun Yat-sen, Father of the Chinese Republic, is being held at the King's Theatre to-morrow under the auspices of the H.K. Branch of the National Women's Relief Association.

JAPANESE CLAIMS RIDICULED

Hankow, To-day.

The Japanese announcement made yesterday claiming that their troops had occupied a total area of 160,000 square kilometres in China is stated by Chinese military circles to be absolutely misleading and fantastic.

It is declared that the Japanese are in possession merely of narrow snail roads and that land on either side is still held by Chinese troops, who had been thrust back into the mountainous regions, on account of rapid Japanese advance.

These Chinese troops, it is added, are now able to launch continual attacks on the Japanese rearward and inflict heavy losses in men and material.

The Japanese report that the Chinese have lost 170,000 men killed in Shansi and the Japanese only 500 is also categorically denied, and it is asserted that these figures are too fantastic to be believed, considering that Japanese losses in engagements at Linfeng and Houma alone amounted to more than 2,000. —Trans-Ocean.

NEW CLAIM

Japanese official despatches from Shansi claim that during operations in the southern half of Shansi in the past month, the Chinese casualties were 190,000, while the Japanese added an area of roughly 200 miles square to their possession. —Reuter.

YUGO-SLAVIA AND GERMANY

Belgrade, To-day.

After reference to Yugo-Slavia's friendship with Britain, France and the Little Entente, the Premier, Dr. Stojadinovic, in his address on foreign affairs in Parliament yesterday, spoke of Yugo-Slavian relations with Germany.

These relations, he said, had become closer and had found expression in the visit to Belgrade of the German Foreign Minister in May last year, and his (the Premier's) visit to Berlin in January this year.

The Premier said it was his conviction that friendly relations with Germany would develop. He also emphasised Yugo-Slavia's good relations with Italy. —Trans-Ocean.

NEW BANK OPENS

Peking, To-day.

The China Federated Reserve Bank opened for business this morning with appropriate ceremonies.

The Bank claims that within an hour, the sum of one million dollars was deposited.

To-day, \$3,000,000 of the new currency will be issued to the public. —Reuter.

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COMPLETE REORGANISATION OF BRITISH ARMY SYSTEM

Striking Survey Of Plans By Mr. Hore Belisha

MORE MEN SEEKING ADMISSION THAN NEEDED

London, To-day.

More men are trying to join the British army than are required.

The Secretary for War, Mr. Leslie Hore-Belisha, made this surprising statement in introducing the Army Estimates in the House of Commons yesterday, adding that they were applying at the rate of nearly 60,000 a year.

At the present time, he said, over 500,000 soldiers raised in Britain on the voluntary system can be mobilised in an emergency for action on various fields of our Imperial responsibility.

This excludes 150,000 soldiers maintained in the Dominions, the Indian Army which with reserves, is 170,000 strong, and many thousands in local forces in the Colonies and Protectorates.

We do not suffer from difficulties in man power, continued Mr. Hore-Belisha, but from its correct organisation and distribution.

PACE OF PROGRESS

Discussing the considerations which impinge on distribution of the army, Mr. Hore-Belisha pointed out that the number of units to be stationed in India is predetermined, and, as an essential feature of our distribution is that units at home interchange with units in India, the pace of re-adaptation of the rest of the British army is influenced by the speed at which the Government of India find themselves able to proceed.

AIR DEFENCE

Continuing, Mr. Hore-Belisha said the duty of defending this country against air attack was entrusted to the Territorials, with a total establishment manning 76 batteries and 108 searchlight companies.

Twenty-eight British battalions were now stationed overseas, excluding India and Burma.

Lord Haldane's strategic reserve, fixed at a division, required revision in the light of developments, especially in the strengthening of defence methods.

TWO TYPES OF DIVISION

There would be two types of division, first of which was motorised and based on the light machine-gun, and the second a mechanised armoured division based on the tank.

Battalions in the former division would each possess fifty Bren machine-guns.

The object underlying the changes was to provide flexible organisation of the regular forces at home capable of producing a greater number of divisions better suited to meet commitments.

FIRE POWER

Mr. Hore-Belisha asked why, unlike in the Navy and Air Force, should heads alone be counted of family allowances and increments in the Army, and fire power and mobility be discounted. He proposed measures to alter this.

He mentioned the progressive elimination from soldiers' drill of all superfluous postures and superfluous gadgets requiring polish.

New clothing would be adapted to the soldier's increasingly mechanised function.

The warrant officer of to-day was surely capable of commanding a platoon, and therefore he proposed to enlarge the complement of warrant officers by creation of a new class.

This would also effect a reduction in subalterns which, in turn, would enable officers to rise more rapidly.

12 YEAR ENLISTMENT

The Government proposed to experiment in direct enlistment for twelve years with the Colours, with certain prospects subject to suitability of re-engaging for pension.

Other financial benefits would include four cumulative increments of threepence per day at the end of the first, second, eighth and thirteenth years, in addition to a special threepence for proficiency pay.

There would be an increase in the family allowance for married men over 26 to 17/-, and additional allowances for children.

The new rates would take effect from April 30.—Reuter.

IMPORTANT CHANGES

London, To-day.

In his notable speech, the War Secretary surveyed the leading problems of army organisation which have been and still are engaging the attention of Government, and announced important changes as well as a large number of improvements affecting the service conditions of all ranks.

The House listened attentively to the Minister's disclosure of a variety of proposals ranging from those affecting higher strategy to those relating to the smallest details of the soldier's daily routine and including inter-departmental re-examination of the Cardwell system, the mechanisation and re-organisation of the artillery, the enlargement of the numbers and responsibilities of warrant officers, reconsideration of factors determining the service conditions of officers, the modernisation of barracks and improved living conditions for soldiers, and increased financial benefits in the way both of family allowances and increments of pay after periods of completed service.

NEW FACTORS

Mr. Hore-Belisha recalled the historical army reorganisations associated with the names of Cardwell and Haldane and spoke of new

factors introduced by submarines and, above all, aircraft. He showed how the fact that the number of British army units to be stationed in India was predetermined, produced an element of rigidity in the strategic distribution of units at home and abroad and also affected the organisation of the rest of the army and the terms of service and amenities of the soldier.

This led up to the announcement that the Prime Minister was prepared to initiate inter-departmental discussions with a view to an objective re-examination of the questions involved, which have already been the subject of discussion between the India and War Offices.

ROLE OF ARMY

After a discussion of the role of the Army, firstly, in home defence, in which ground defences against air attack are now first in priority, and, secondly, in discharge of overseas commitments for the defence of British Territories and Bases, the Minister came to its third role as a strategic reserve and under this head its use in co-operation in defence of the territories of allies.

Speaking of Lord Haldane's creation of an expeditionary force, Mr. Hore-Belisha observed that the assumptions of the past often tempted one to leave out of account later developments and modifications.

MAGINOT LINE

Emphasising the increase in the power of defence, which is the principal military development of recent years, and in illustration of which he referred to the "masterly and formidable defences of the Maginot Line constructed with all the ingenuity and thoroughness of a great military nation," he said that a mere description, such as had been given, of the role of the British

Army, disclosing how, under stress of new methods of warfare, a fresh allocation of our forces is called for, primarily affecting, on the one hand, their distribution, and on the other, their responsibilities at home, emphasised how the factors in the situation have altered since 1914.

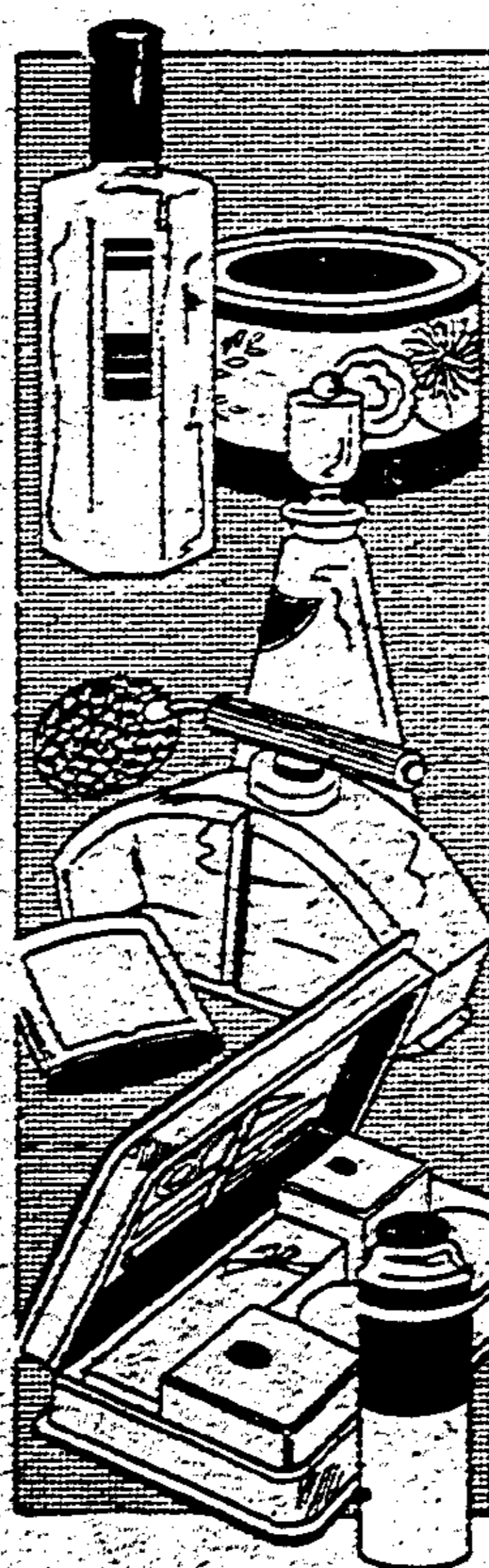
The extent to which we might be required or expected to send or have available assistance for an ally and what form it should take must be related to these considerations. It must be remembered that support on land is not the only support we can offer."

REORGANISATION

There followed an account of the proposed reorganisation of divisions and of the artillery with the aim of providing a thoroughly flexible organisation and as regards artillery greater tactical flexibility and increased facility for control of fire.

There were, the Minister stated, to be two types of division and variations within the types. The first type a motorised division based on the light machinegun when used for internal security operations such as the present operations in Palestine, might consist of six battalions with the necessary ancillary troops for maintenance and communications, but when used for war might consist of nine battalions supported by artillery and other arms, according to need.—British Wireless.

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UNEMPLOYMENT FIGURES

Bank managers and Government leaders in England still declare heroically that there is no "slump" nor even a "recession" setting in, but the February figures, which were expected to relieve many minds, still provide cause for embarrassment. It is true that unemployment figures on February 14 were 17,000 less than in the previous month, but it is equally true that they represented an increase of 150,000 as compared with December and of 310,000 as compared with November of last year. There are now 1,810,421 registered unemployed, of which no fewer than 1,404,000 are rated as wholly unemployed.

Other official figures disclose that with the one exception of coalmining, all Britain's principal industries have more unemployment than they had at the beginning of 1937. The setback has been felt particularly in the distributing trades and the textile, engineering, iron and steel, tinplate, motor vehicles and metal goods industries. Mr. Chamberlain's indication that the re-armament programme is to be accelerated this year is very clearly a response to the disquieting situation. The rise in February is discouraging rather than otherwise. A spring revival was anticipated on all hands. In March, a further increase in employment is to be expected. But there will have to be tremendously greater activity than February has revealed if the steep rise in unemployment in December and January is to be counter-balanced.

British News

And Views

The latest issue of "The Rock" permits itself an expression of opinion, in the form of polite cynicism, concerning the Parliamentary plea for the greater dissemination overseas of British news and views.

There is, undoubtedly, a good deal of warrant for the jibe of "The Rock." At the same time, we prefer a typical British comment, such as the following extracted from the "Manchester Guardian":

"The Prime Minister's announcement in the House of Commons about the need for British publicity abroad suggests that people of these islands have been suffering from an 'inferiority complex' which must at all costs be overcome. One wonders whether it has ever occurred to the foreign reader to picture us as an abnormally modest

and self-effacing race, or whether that idea presents itself to him in a humorous light."

In short, we are not, in the last analysis, quite as hypocritical as we make ourselves out to be.

The High-Hat Brigade

Connoisseurs of what might be described as playful malice should certainly include in their anthologies of that art Mr. H. G. Wells's latest reflections on a fairly well-recognised constituent in the United States scheme of things. Mr. Wells has been visiting America again and has contributed some of his impressions of that visit to the "Daily Telegraph." Thus he refers to the fact "that in every considerable American city large gatherings of mature, prosperous, well-dressed women are in permanent session." He then continues:

This year they are all wearing black hats. These hats stick in my mind. Ultimately of the most varied shapes, the original theme seems to have been cylindrical, so that the general effect of an assembly of smart American woman-kind in 1937 is that of a dump of roughly treated black tin cans.

That is not so bad for a beginning, but Mr. Wells proceeds to conclude his reflections on this subject with the assurance that "the crazy irrelevance of this headgear on embattled middle-aged womanhood" remains with him as one of the essential memories of the United States of 1937. And most students of the art already mentioned will readily agree that he has done his distinguished best to put that memory into swift and telling form.

Forerunners of the Type?

In his introduction to the passage on those hats and their wearers Mr. Wells observes that the existence in the United States of the "permanent sessions" of "mature, prosperous, well-dressed women" is "not generally known in Europe." But that, of course, must be just another example of calculated playfulness; Europe is perfectly well acquainted (at least by reputation) with those ladies and their earnest and determined gatherings. We constantly see jesting references to them in American journals and magazines; it might be impolitic to quote Mr. Wells's latest remarks about them if they were not a recognised target among United States satirists themselves. And have been for long enough, for their distant ancestor must have been "the mother of the modern Gracchi" in chapters xxii and xxxiv of "Martin Chuzzlewit," or the "literary lady" in the brown wig who thus addressed the Honourable Elijah Pogram:

"Mind and matter glide swift into the vortex of immensity. Howls the sublime, and softly sleeps the calm Ideals, in the whispering chambers of imagination. To hear it, sweet it is. But then, outlaugh the stern philosopher, and saith to the Grotesque, 'What ho! arrest for me that Agency. Go, bring it here!' And so the vision fadeth." But Mr. Wells's ladies in the tin-can hats of 1937 talk a good deal more sensibly than that. And Mr. Wells's genial satire is fairer and more effective than the crude, sledge-hammer strokes of Dickens.

INCOMING N.Y.K. SHIP HITS DESTROYER

Extraordinary Mishap In Naval Anchorage

RICHARD WHITNEY INDICTED

New York, To-day.
Mr. Richard Whitney, senior partner of the bankrupt firm of Whitney and Co., was yesterday indicted by the New York County Grand Jury on a charge of grand larceny in the first degree.

The charge is based on his alleged misappropriation of between \$105,000 and \$110,000 from a trust account.—Reuter.

THREE MEN HELD AFTER MURDER AT MIDNIGHT

THREE MEN WERE IN POLICE CUSTODY THIS MORNING FOLLOWING ALL-NIGHT INVESTIGATIONS AND ACTIVITIES BY SEARCH PARTIES IN CONNECTION WITH A SENSATIONAL MIDNIGHT SHOOTING EPISODE IN WHICH TWO BROTHERS WERE ATTACKED, ONE BEING SHOT DEAD AND THE OTHER WOUNDED.

The revolver used in the shooting was also discovered, hidden under a boulder some distance from the scene of attack.

It has been identified as a police revolver, stolen from an Indian constable who was found unconscious on the Mid-Levels some few weeks ago.

A knife alleged to have been used in the course of the attack was found by another search party.

STAGGERED INTO STATION

Huen Kon-wan, aged 21, who staggered into the charge-room of Bay View Police Station at one o'clock this morning, and gave first information of the crime, was found on examination in hospital to be suffering from three gunshot wounds.

His brother, Huen Kon-hing, aged 22, was found lying dead on the hillside above the A.P.C. Installation at North Point.

LIVED IN CAVE

It has been revealed that the two men attacked lived in a kind of a

Sudden Swerve Of Ship Between Naval Buoys

The N.Y.K. liner, Haruna Maru, coming into Harbour from Europe shortly after 7 a.m. to-day, was involved in collision with H.M.S. Duchess, lying at No. 8 Buoy, just off the Naval Dockyard.

The collision was slight and damage done was only superficial, but considerable excitement was occasioned by reason of the presence of the Haruna Maru inside the Naval Anchorage.

At one time during the manoeuvring, the N.Y.K. liner was close to the V.R.C.

As far as can be ascertained, the Haruna Maru was proceeding down harbour from Lyseemun Pass to her anchorage, Buoy A4, when, for some reason not yet determined, she suddenly swung into the Naval Anchorage, passing between naval buoys 3 and 4, an area prohibited to mercantile shipping.

DROPPED ANCHOR

She then dropped her anchor and began to swing on it, weighed anchor, and then struck H.M.S. Duchess, very slightly and very slowly, causing slight damage to the destroyer.

The incident occurred at about 7.15 a.m. and it was nearly three-quarters of an hour before she proceeded to her own buoy.

Interviewed on board, one of the officers of the Haruna Maru said the ship swerved to avoid a barge.

cave in the hillside about two miles from the road. Below it was a 60-foot drop.

The full facts have not yet been ascertained, but it appears that the two brothers were attacked in the cave, made a bid for safety, and were shot as they ran. The motive for the crime is still undetermined.

TURN FOR WORSE

It is learned that Huen Kon-wan, wounded in last night's murder attack, has taken a sudden turn for the worse and is not expected to live. An attempt is being made to obtain dying depositions.

VICTORY MARCH IN SHANGHAI

Shanghai, To-day.
Japan's second "Victory March" through the International Settlement, held yesterday in commemoration of the Japanese victory over Russia at Mukden 34 years ago, passed without incident. The march was held in the Japanese sector of the Settlement which was cordoned off and only Japanese nationals allowed inside.—Reuter.

DAILAI LAMA DISCOVERED

Chungking, To-day.
The reincarnation of the Dailai Lama, in the person of a four-year-old boy, has been discovered in an unnamed place in Chinghai Province, on the northeast border of Tibet, according to the Chinese press.

It is added that the Tibetans are making plans to welcome the new Lama in Tibet at a cost of £35,000.—Reuter.

CADMAN DEBATE

London, To-day.
The debate on the Cadman Civil Aviation report will take place on Wednesday next.—British Wireless.

DELPHINUS MAIL

The aircraft, R.M.A. "Daedalus" is leaving to-day carrying a small supplementary mail from Hong Kong and picking up at Fort Bayard the mails and passengers from the Delphinus. "Delphinus" mail will catch the week-end service to Australia and London at Bangkok, and will arrive 3 days late in Australia and 4 days late in London. Normal services will be resumed as from Tuesday, the 15th instant.

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JAPANESE TO GUARANTEE CUSTOMS LOANS

London, To-day.

Reuter understands that an agreement has virtually been reached in Anglo-Japanese negotiations by which the Japanese Government will disburse from

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INSURGENT OFFENS

Shock Attacks On Three Sectors: Early Successes

Madrid, To-day.

A Republican official war communique issued this morning says that the enemy has begun an offensive on the Aragon front on which preparations were under way since the termination of the Teruel battle.

The attack was launched in three directions supported by huge masses of tanks, aeroplanes and guns. In one direction the enemy succeeded in breaking through and occupying the village of Fuendetodos.

In another direction, in the section of Rudilla, the enemy captured the heights of Santa Cruz, whilst in the third direction the Republican defenders were able to halt the attack before it reached Mirabueno. Republican anti-aircraft guns shot down an enemy pursuit plane. — Trans-Ocean.

UTMOST IMPORTANCE

Paris, To-day.

Utmost importance is attached to the insurgent offensive yesterday on the Aragon front. Reports state that this is the most extensive action to date in the Spanish Civil War.

Insurgent troops had broken through the Republican front at several points by the evening, according to a communique, which announces that a Moroccan Army corps on the north wing under the command of General Yague captured the village of Fuendetodos and is at present advancing along the road leading to Belchite.

In the centre section near Montalban an Italian volunteer division, "Arrows," occupied the village of Rudilla and is now pushing on to Municsa.

ARMIBLAS FALLS

South of Montalban, a Galician Army corps, under General Aranda, launched an attack and seized Armiblas, five kilometres east of Vivel del Rio.

The attack of the storm divisions, the communique continues, carried them forward on an average of 18 kilometres.

After the Republican front had been broken insurgent aeroplanes not only mercilessly attacked the retreating troops but also tried to check the Republican relief columns coming up. — Trans-Ocean.

H.B. BOTTLES USED FOR SOY

Three Chinese soy dealers, Tung On-lung, of No. 23, Queen-Victoria-Street, Wo Cheong, of No. 494, Hennessy Road, and the Tsuen Yat Co., of No. 9, Belchers Street, were this morning summoned before Mr. H. R. Butters at the Central Magistracy by Messrs. Hong Kong Brewery and Distillery Ltd. under the Trade Mark Ordinance for using the complainant's H.B. Beer bottles to contain soy for the purpose of trade.

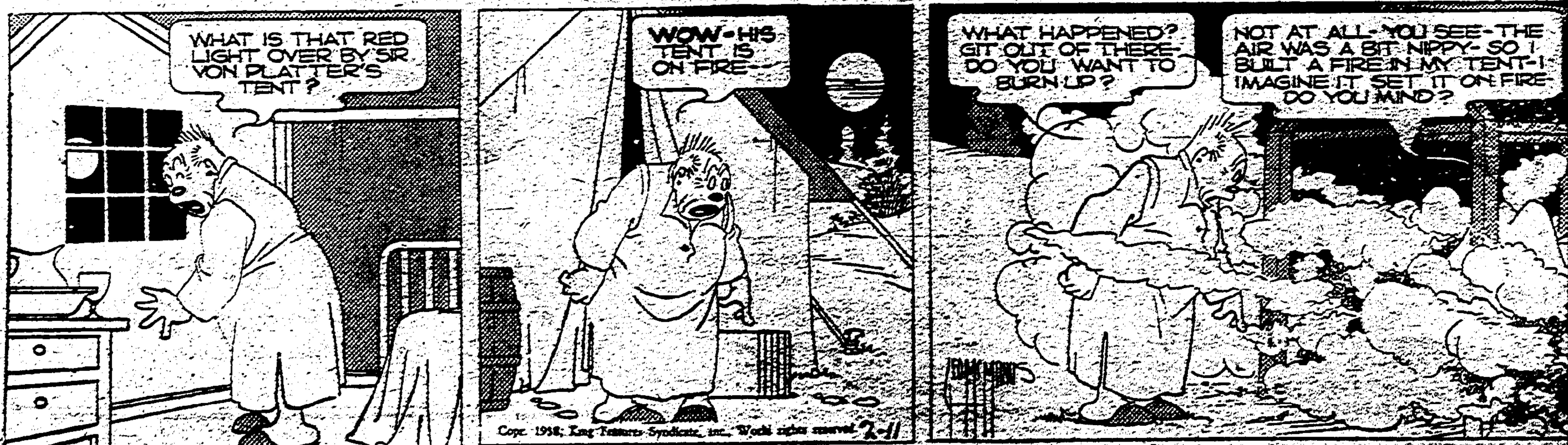
The cases were adjourned till Tuesday at 2.30 p.m.

DRIZZLE, MIST

The Royal Observatory reports that the anticyclone has attained considerable intensity and covers the whole of China, Japan and the neighbouring seas. The depression has filled up.

Local Forecast:—N. E. winds, fresh-cloudy with drizzle or mist probably improving later.

Bringing Up Father



CHINA MAIL

FRIDAY SUPPLEMENT, MARCH 11, 1938

"A SNEEZE IN SEASON"

LEON Berg sneezed. Bolt upright he sat, with head bent back, quivering eyelids, gaping mouth.

One moment he had been lounging carelessly, watching Nina with a studied expression that should have conveyed grief and resignation overlaid with a certain humorous charm.

And the next, this sneeze had caught him, convulsed him into the red-faced figure of fun that plays chief part in the annual comedy of the Spring cold.

Through a transparency of tears, he saw again Nina's white, apprehensive face.

Leon Berg wiped his eyes and returned to the tactful handling of a delicate situation.

He had been living with Nina Willstone for nearly eight

months, ever since Nina had looked upon Donald's brooding, distasteful face, and had fled along the road of escape which Leon had so persistently indicated.

They had hurried together from the North and plunged into London's teeming anonymity. One felt safe in London. One felt even safer in a fifth-floor flat in St. John's Wood, with furniture on the hire-purchase plan, and the door barred to exclude all but the memory of a cheated husband.

Nina, in the rapture of a first indiscretion, had given herself prodigally to Leon Berg. When he recoiled, satiated, she found she could not hold him, having nothing more to give. And Leon had discovered once again that the more his women changed, the more they were the same.

That was why three days before he had gone after the job in Malaya. Leon was not the type to build Empires. The far-flung posts might be flung farther for all he cared. But Malaya seemed remote enough from Nina and her troubles.

"Darling," he said, just before he sneezed, "I do hope we're not going to be silly about . . . things . . ."

"Things?" she repeated, when he had finished sneezing.

"Yes." I'm leaving England soon. I'm afraid—for a few years."

"And you're going alone?" She seemed surprisingly calm.

"Sorry, I must. The job needs a single man. Lonely planter and all that sort of thing. Can you imagine me planting tea or coffee or rubber or whatever it is they plant in Malaya?"

He laughed, watchfully.

"Of course, Nina, it's been grand here, but it couldn't go on indefinitely. Now could it? And I need this job, financially, physically, morally, if you like . . ."

"Morals!"

"Now it's not like you, Nina, to . . ."

At last she turned her gaze directly on him.

"Leon, you can't go."

"Now, darling, try to make things as easy as possible for me. I've accepted the job, it's true."

But later on, there may be plenty of . . .

"You can't go."

"I saw my husband to-day."

"Donald? That's impossible. It isn't likely out of all London . . ."

"I saw him. He had found us."

"Where was he? Did you speak to him?"

"No. It was this morning. I was looking out of the window and I saw him across the road. I drew back, so I don't think he saw me. But he was watching the house. Then he went away. What does he want? What is he going to do?"

"Steady on. You've got the jitters. It was probably someone

"Everything's going to be all right, you see."

"But you wouldn't leave me?"

"Leave you?"—he placed an arm around her shoulders—

"d'you think I'd run out on you now? Malaya's off. We'll stick together. Just in case there is trouble, though I still think you're mistaken about that chap."

"Oh, darling."

Suddenly she was in his arms, sobbing hysterically, clawing the suit he had bought expressly for the interview with the Malayan people.

"I knew I could trust you, Leon. I knew it. I knew it."

"Take it easy. I'll throw in my hand this afternoon."

"Thank God. Why, if he caught me here alone, he'd . . ."

"That's enough about him. If the husband wants trouble, he'll find plenty."

It all worked out smoothly.

"Come back soon," she called after him as he walked down the stairs.

"Of course, darling."

Of course, darling, of course. Well, the first thing was to phone the doctor and get that medical test over right away, instead of waiting for the next day. Once he had that medical certificate, the contract was automatically confirmed.

It was as Leon Berg neared the doctor's surgery that he started sneezing again.

With the first sneeze, came the realisation that the Spring had brought him the year's most ill-timed cold.

With the second, flashes danced before his eyes, criss-crossing houses, streets and sky with sudden high-lights.

And with the last he felt something breaking inside his nose, something which released a warm, pulsing flood of blood. He stood there stupidly, no longer sneezing, but trying to staunch the blood with an ineffective handkerchief.

Of course, it would happen just then.

He wondered what the doctor would say. It was natural enough. Everyone's nose bled sometimes. But would the man imagine there was something wrong? One little doubt might send him back to Nina, back to

He was in a cloakroom, swilling his face, soaking a towel in cold water, pressing it to the nape of his neck. Slowly, the bleeding stopped.

He blinked into a mirror, frowning as he saw his stained tie and ruined shirt. Still, he had

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Short Story

By Cyril James



The start of the Obstacle Race at the Peak School Sports. ("Mail" photo).

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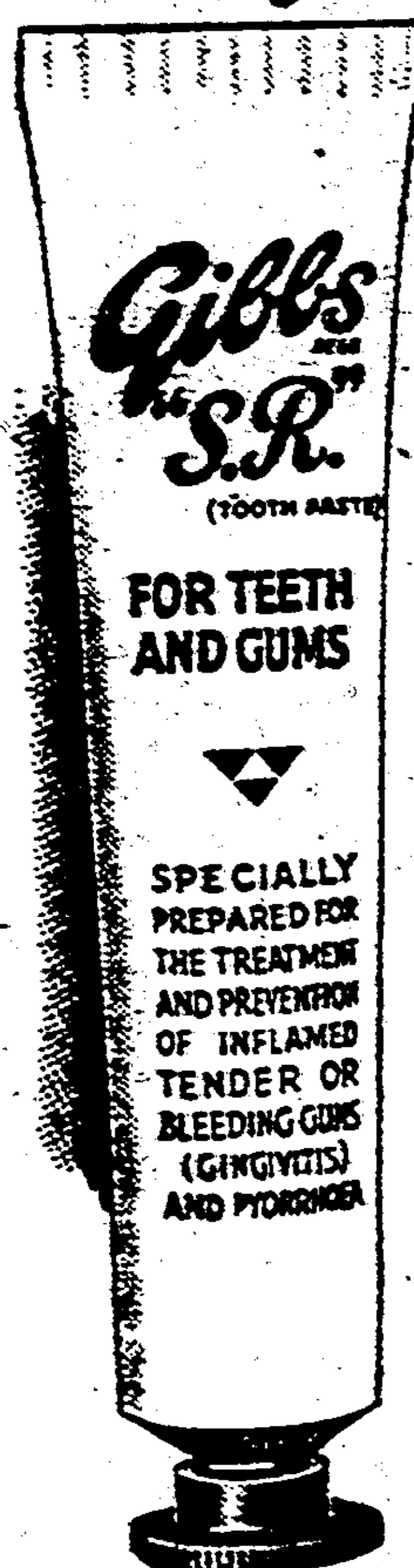
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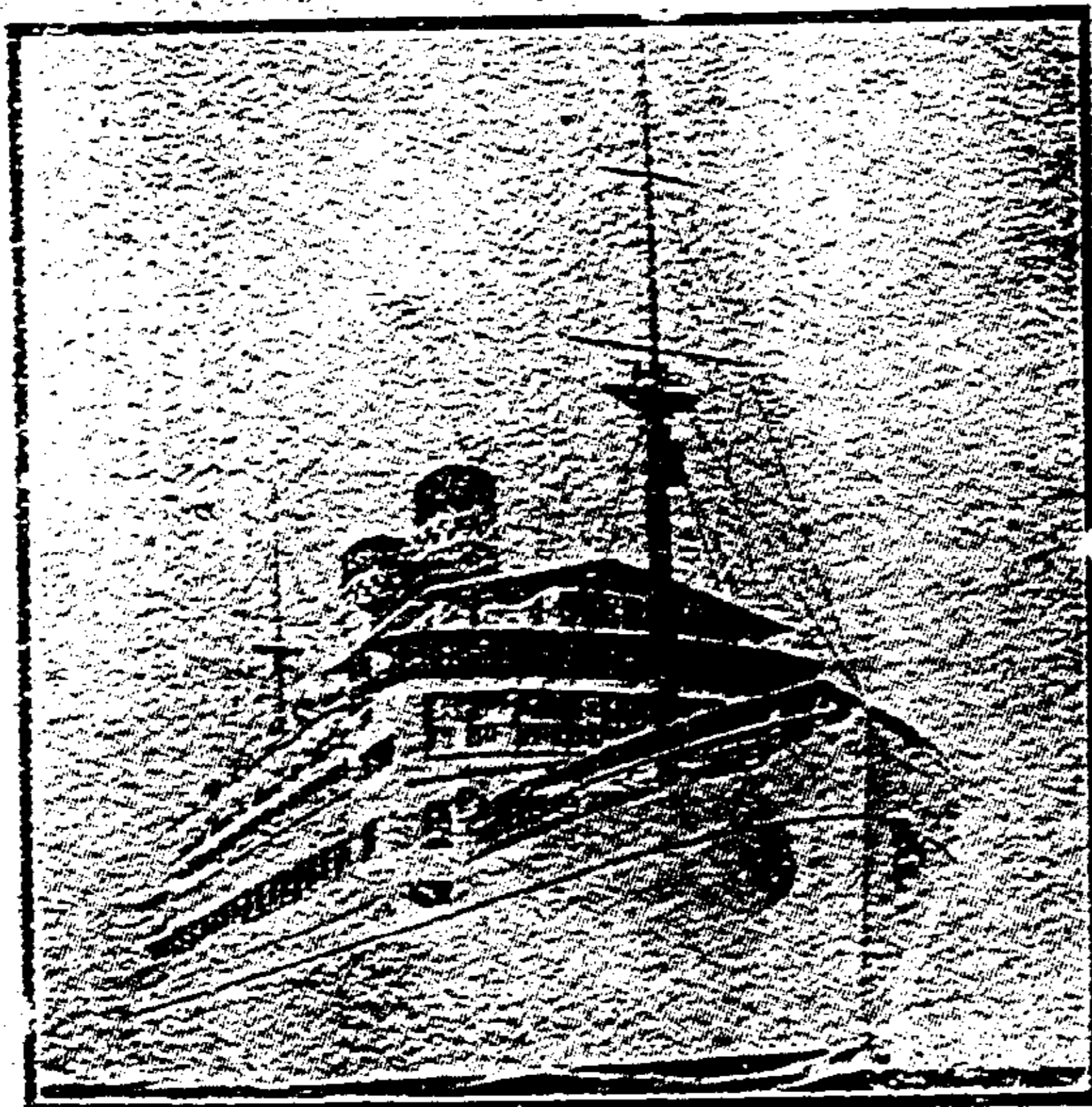
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The Threading the Needle Race at the Cottage Club Gymkhana. ("Mail" photo).



His Excellency the Governor, Sir Geoffrey Northcote, being greeted on arrival at St. Stephen's College, Stanley, when he opened the new Preparatory School. ("Mail" photo).

That Reminds You **Kaisar-i-Hind**

K AISAR-I-HIND, 11,500 tons, luckiest ship in the war, is to end her days of service in April, when she returns from Japan. The only P. and O. pre-war liner still in that company's fleet was the Kaisar-i-Hind. Several times torpedoes were launched at her—once when Lord Chelmsford, then Viceroy of India, was on board.

One was fired at such close range that the torpedo went under the ship, and those on board could hear the hiss of its wake.

The Kaisar-i-Hind joins a brave company of great ships whose days have been ended recently by the twin enemies—old age and corrosion.

Mauretania, 30,000 tons, Grand Old Lady of the Atlantic, went

to the scrap-breakers two years ago with the blue riband of Atlantic supremacy fluttering at her foremast. She cost £3,000,000 to build in 1913, and £80,000 to destroy.

No cheering crowds, no bands, saw the 46,439-ton Olympic, former luxury liner, depart from Southampton in 1935 for the break-up yards at Jarrow-on-Tyne.

U.S. Leviathan—in name and size, 48,943 tons—ended two lives when she was sold to a British firm for £160,000 for scrap last month. She began her life as the German Vaterland, ended as Leviathan. She will have sailed under German, American and British flags.

HAPPY ENDING

Mighty liner Majestic, 56,599 tons, you remember, the Atlantic racer condemned to be broken for scrap, was reprieved last year. She joined the Royal Navy, and is now a training ship for cadets.



Our photographer took this picture at the Cottage Club Gymkhana.

CABBAGES AND KINGS

Out Of Form

The dart player whose efforts went by the board.

* * * An Effort

A jazz conductor has written a serious work for a symphony orchestra. We understand it is to be set to music.

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This Week's Couplet

When the moon is crescent-shaped.

Old potatoes can't be scraped.

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Looking Ahead

According to a hairdresser, the fashions now prevalent will be the laughing stock of the near future. Hair to-day, and scorn to-morrow.

So To Speak

A well-known explorer has just left on a buffalo-hunting trip through Africa. We wish him a Happy Gnu Year.

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Risky

A writer says he has arranged a wrestling match between his two uncles. This may lead to strained relations.

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That's All

A Californian man of 103 has proposed to a woman of 100. All he has to do now is obtain her father's consent.

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Terminus Talks

(Railway station conversations are usually of a stereotyped character, says an observer.)

I was one of those whose phrases froze when the guard said "Take your seats."

And each "Adieu" as the whistle blew had several brief repeats;

I answered "Quite" to "Mind you writta," and then said "Cherio."

And breathed again the old refrain, "My love to So-and-So."

Your "Mind the door" had one encore, and my "O.K." had three.

And when my words were "Top-hole Thirds" you said the same to me.

As the wheels revolved we each evolved expressions bright and new—

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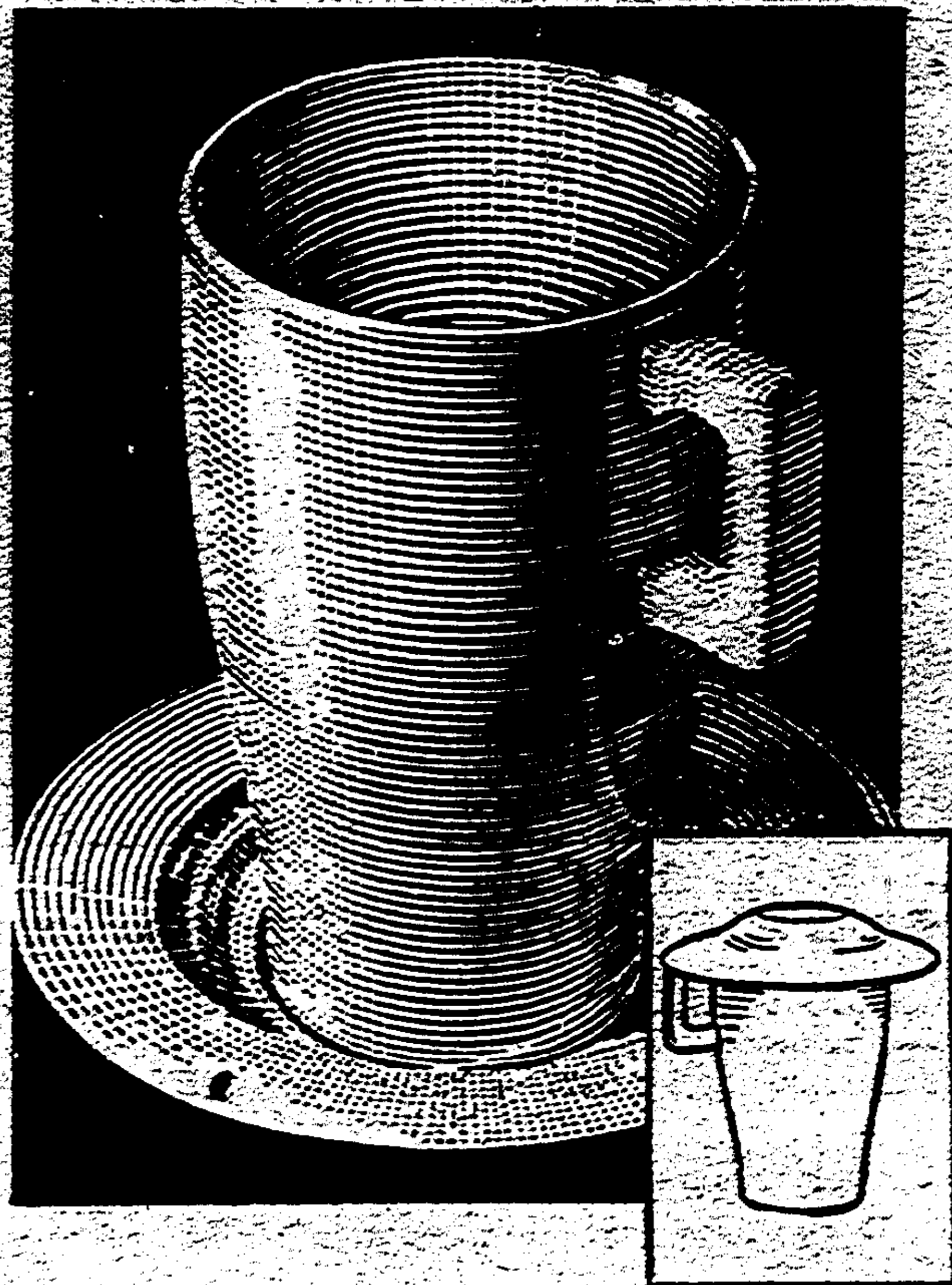
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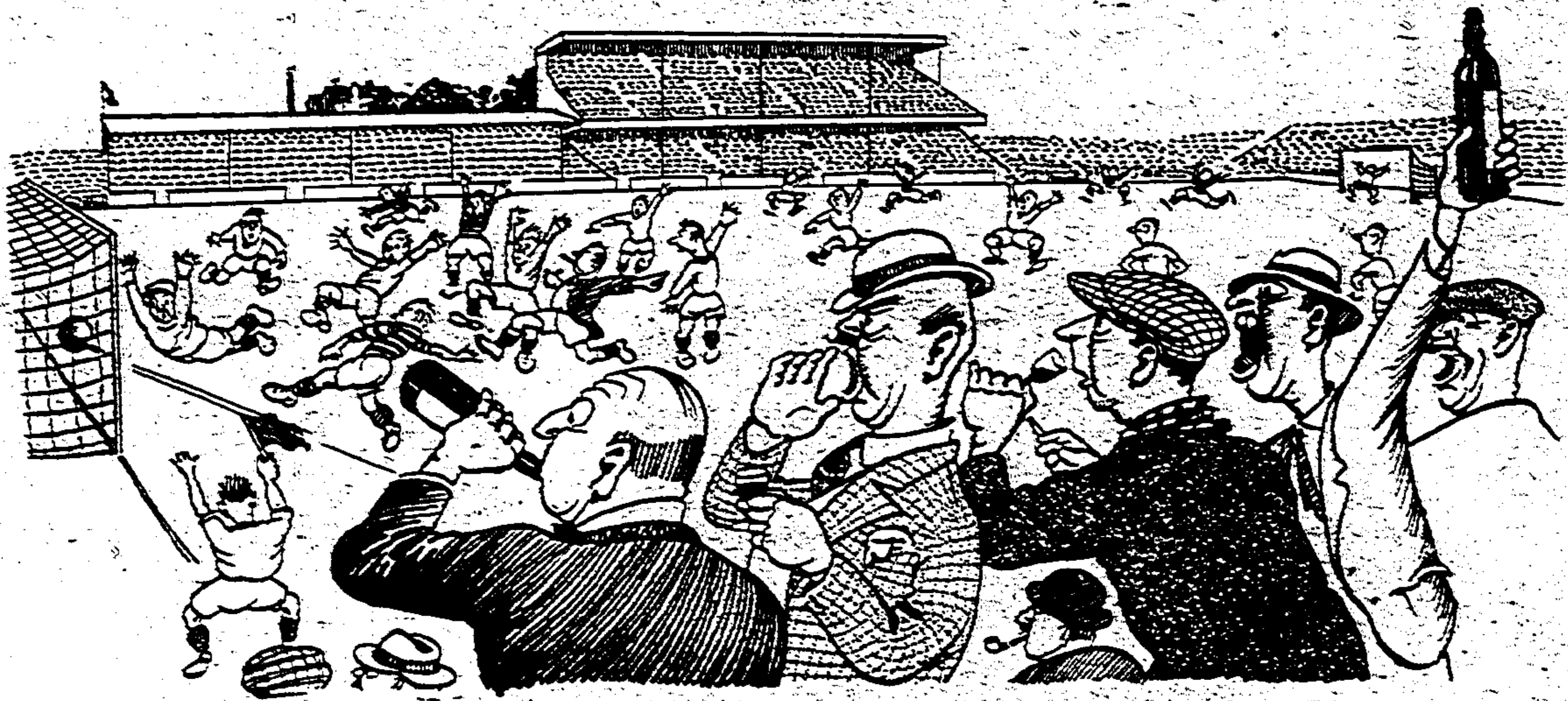
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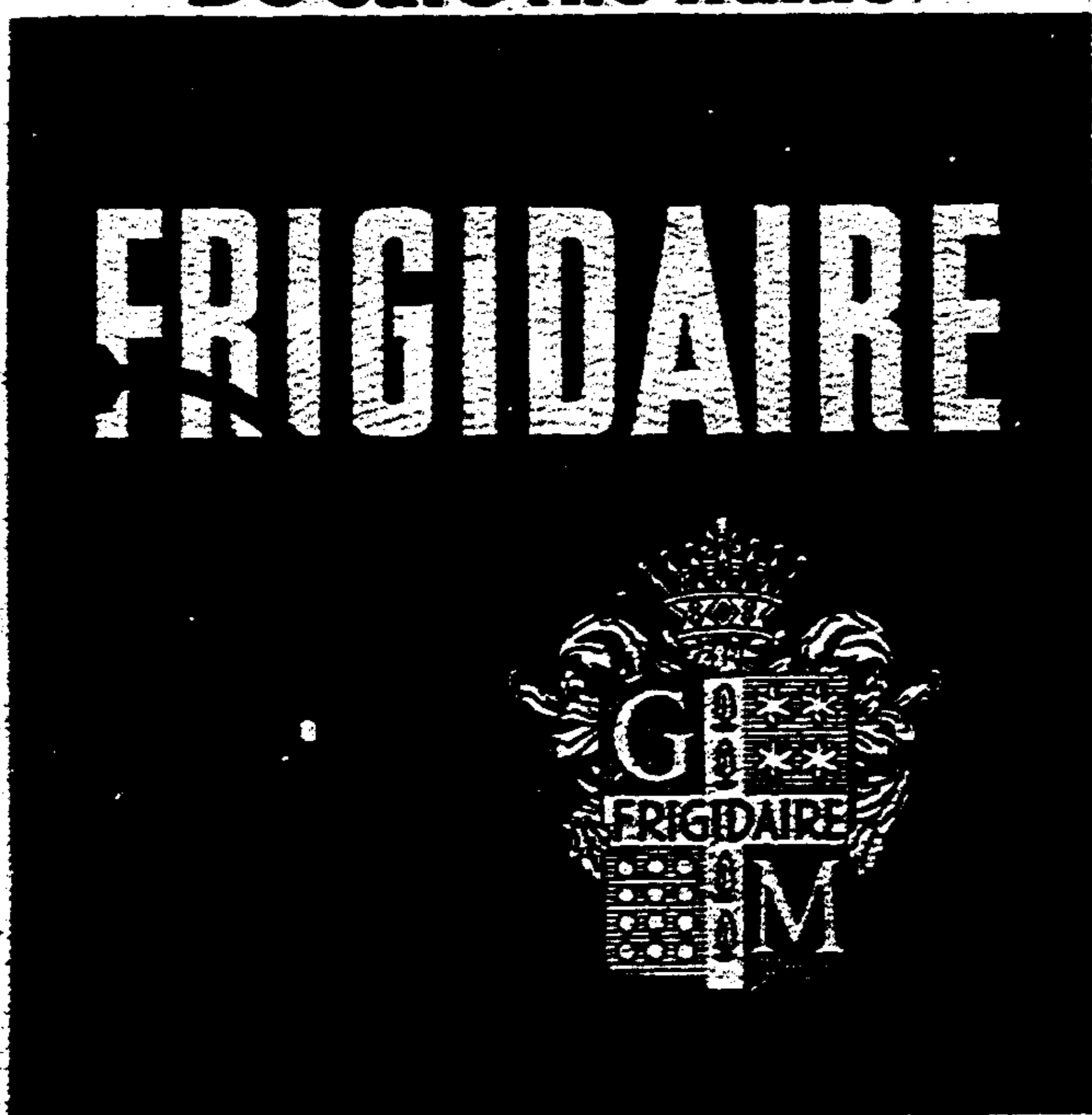


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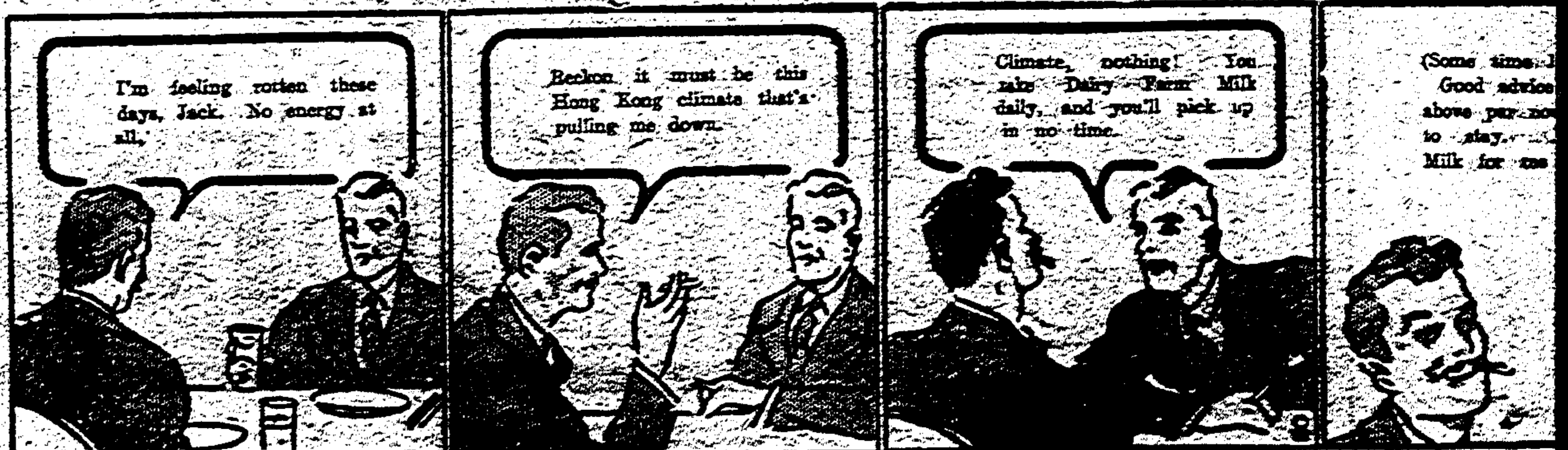
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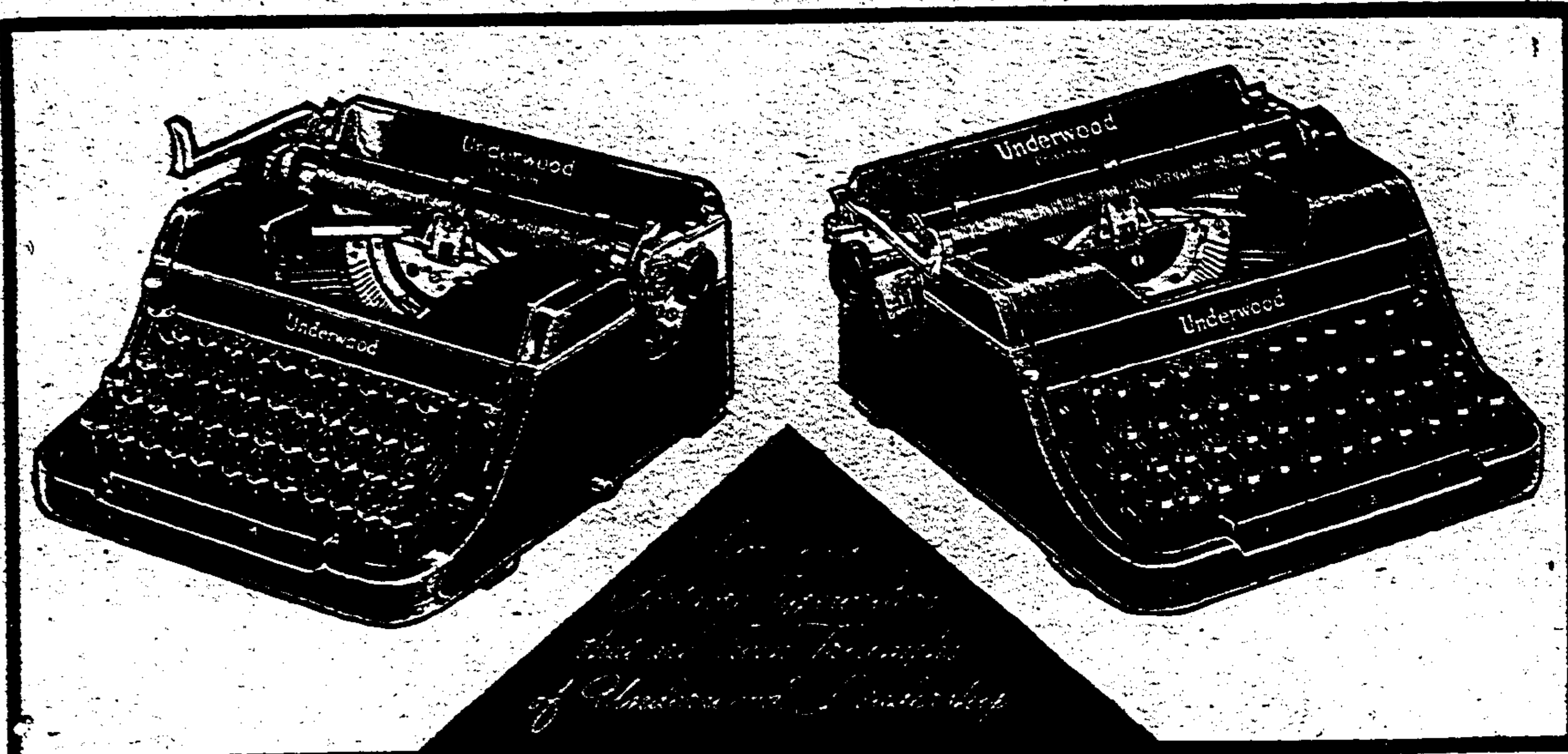
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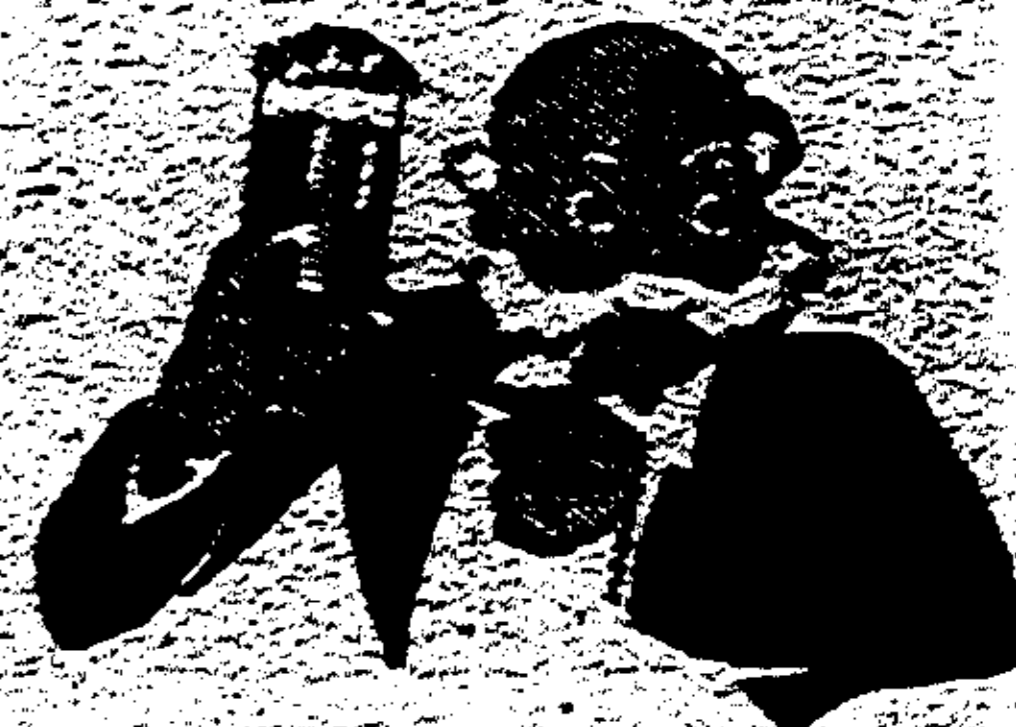
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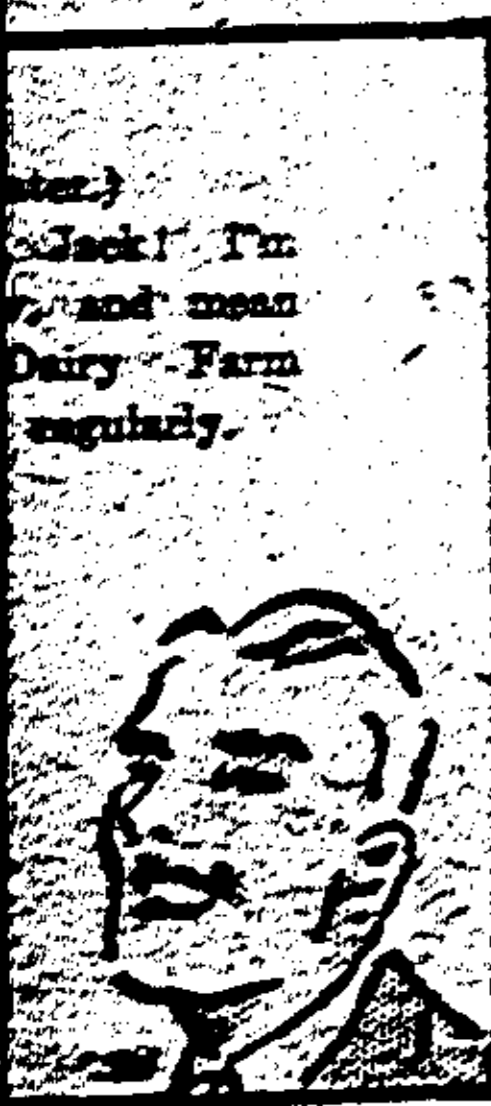
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HATS OFF TO BRITAIN'S CLIMATE

(By HOWARD CULPIN)

Too Late

Returning from a night club a man was held up by motor bandits. All a mistake, of course. The bandits couldn't know where he had been.

ONCE again the discovery-hatching season is upon us. From now until they retire to their libraries to brood over the next hatch, scientists will constantly be hurling newly-born

ideas at us.

Such as the latest: that the weather in the good old days was not really any better or any worse than it is now, but was just the same as you and I experience, only more so.

When great-granddad was a boy there was just the same sleet, fog, rain, damp and occasional sunshine. All those tales he tells us about going skating every Christmas morning, and snow-balling every Boxing Day afternoon, are just figments of his imagination.

The marvellous English weather has always been marvellous. It is only council school cads and other members of the lower orders who grumble about our winter climate. You never hear a mutter from the People Who Matter. They're at the Riveira, anyway.

The mere fact that the weather is British is sufficient guarantee that it is better than any other in the world. I will go further, and say that Britain is what she is *because of our weather*.

Take this great thought contained in a letter to a daily newspaper:—

"It would be well if those who perpetually deride our weather would pause and consider that it is those same vagaries of climate that have made us the most successful colonisers in the world. Having met and contended with every variety in this country, we can go to any part and live."

And a headline in another issue of the same paper expresses the great truth, "Sweated Labour Makes Sports Champs."

In other words, "Per ardua ad alta" or "Through difficulties to the heights" (I didn't go to a public school, either. I got this out of a book of foreign phrases). Same thing as the Spartan upbringing (curious the name should be the same) to prepare one for the great things of life.

Only the Spartans were not clever enough to think of the English weather.

Our forefathers (including greatgranddad) suffered to create a great nation. We must suffer to build an even greater empire, and show these wretched foreigners, who haven't the advantage of British weather, where they get off.

This talk of a minimum diet by the British Medical Association is just phooey. If we give our workers enough to eat, what use

will they be when we set out to colonise the South Pole (if the Russians don't get that first, too), and they have to starve for thirteen months out of the twelve?

What is the good of them wearing water-tight boots and clothes? Our Empire Builders may have a job of work for them somewhere in the tropics, where clothes are entirely unnecessary.

Too much fuss, too, is made over the question of housing. What on earth is the good of giving the lower classes houses with doors, windows and roofs when we might want them some day to go and live in a tent, and pinch some ignorant "savage's" land to bring him the benefits of Capitalism?

Why have clothing, houses, food, or anything, you might ask? No, indeed, but for the fact that the G.H.Q. of the Empire must be housed.

The People Who Count, those who have the dangerous and difficult task of thinking out the orders for the lower masses, can—

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A SNEEZE IN SEASON

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money and there were always shops.

"Accident, sir?" asked the little assistant in the draper's store, as he eyed Berg's stained linen.

"Never mind that. I want a new shirt. White, fifteen collar. And a blue tie. Hurry up."

Cardboard boxes were tumbled from their shelves as the assistant, his pink face flushing pinker, did his sales talk.

"Can I change here?"

"Yes, sir. Certainly sir"—the assistant fingered the ghost of a blonde moustache—"This way, sir, please."

The medical test was encouraging. Physical development: only fair. But no unexpected snags.

Leon Berg felt strangely free as he took a cab to a quiet hotel. In two days he might leave England for good.

That night he staged his own farewell to the West End and stumbled back to the hotel, falling helplessly on the bed.

Throughout a rather bleak morning he checked up on the things he was sacrificing in not returning to the flat. Well, there was nothing very valuable.

Nina was welcome to his few books and unimportant papers. The furniture wasn't paid for anyway.

He cheered up as his future suddenly unreel like a cinema film before him.

Perhaps he would return to England after all. But not for a few years, not until all this trouble had blown over.

It was only when he examined his wallet to discover how much money he had spent overnight in that uproarious farewell to England and trouble, that Berg discovered his first mistake.

He had left the steamship tickets, handed to him with the contract, in a locked bureau at the flat.

He cursed helplessly. He could see the pink slip, lying on top of a muddle of papers in the second drawer.

Then he sat still, a little terrified by the thought that he would have to face Nina again. And he had never left her alone a whole night without previous explanation.

Still, he had met and solved more tricky puzzles.

What did one night's absence signify?

A talk with his new employers . . . an invitation to dinner that developed into a whole night's stay . . .

Nina would be so glad to see him again that he need not anticipate any querulous cross-examination.

He hailed a taxi and travelled to the bottom of the St. John's Wood road.

Cautiously he walked toward the house.

Everything seemed all right. He crossed to the opposite side and then caught sight of the landlady beckoning to him.

Now what did she want? Surely Nina hadn't run away. He dismissed the thought as fantastic. Where could she run to?

As he reached the front door, the landlady opened it and smiled.

"Oh, Mr. Berg, could I trouble you to step into my room for just a minute. Do you mind?"

"Certainly not."

He entered the room and turned enquiringly to her.

Next moment he was writhing in the grip of two muscular policemen who forced his arms behind his back and held him firmly.

"Here, what the—?"

A burly man in tweeds and a bowler hat thundered down the stairs.

"Got him? Good. What did I tell you? I knew this bird would come back. Bring him up."

"For God's sake, what's the . . . ?"

"Come on. You'll find out upstairs."

They pushed him into the little flat and at first sight of the rooms, his arms relaxed, his mouth dropped open.

He stared stupidly at a doctor who, with sleeves rolled back, slowly arose from something which he immediately covered with a white dust-sheet.

There was a smear of blood on the sheet.

There was blood on the carpet, the cushion cover, the crumpled table-cloth, thrown in the corner.

Suddenly Berg shuddered.

"Tell me. What's happened?"

The man in tweeds looked at him with an ironical smile.

"You wouldn't know, of course," he said, "No, of course you wouldn't know. Never entered your head to come back for the steamship tickets . . ."

His mood changed suddenly.

"It is my duty to warn you," he began heavily, "that anything you say . . ."

"Never mind that," said Berg in a low quivering tone that rose hysterically every word he uttered, "Never mind. I know what it is now. Nina's dead. She's dead. Somebody's killed her . . ."

He broke off with a frightened sob.

"But you can't pin this on to me. I know who did it. Her husband. Willstone, that's your man—not me. Donald Willstone. I know what he's like. I'll help you to find him. He found us, damn him. We expected this. I can prove he did it. Nina would tell you. Nina would . . ."

Why weren't they listening? Why were they turning away to look at . . .

"Yes," said a timid voice from the corner, "That's the man. I'd know him anywhere. I never forget a face."

Berg twisted fiercely in the policemen's grip to see who had spoken.

Almost before he had seen the little man, the voice brought back a memory of a draper's



The last stage of the Obstacle Race at the Peak School Sports. ("Mail photo").

silk shirt, tie, the ruined collar . . .

Suddenly he felt a net close around him and grip him.

And then the detective sneezed . . .

A loud convulsive sneeze that seemed to reverberate within the tiny flat.

At the sound something snapped in Berg's brain.

The constables felt him twitch in their hands.

And he laughed, long-drawn maniacal peals of laughter that even made the doctor catch his breath.

store, of cardboard boxes tumbled from their shelves . . .

The detective was talking.

"Now there's no doubt in your mind about this?"

"No, sir, I recognise the gentleman and I recognise the article. Certain of them."

Berg's gaze wandered slowly from the policemen to the detective, to the doctor and back to the chubby pink face of the shop assistant who had spoken last.

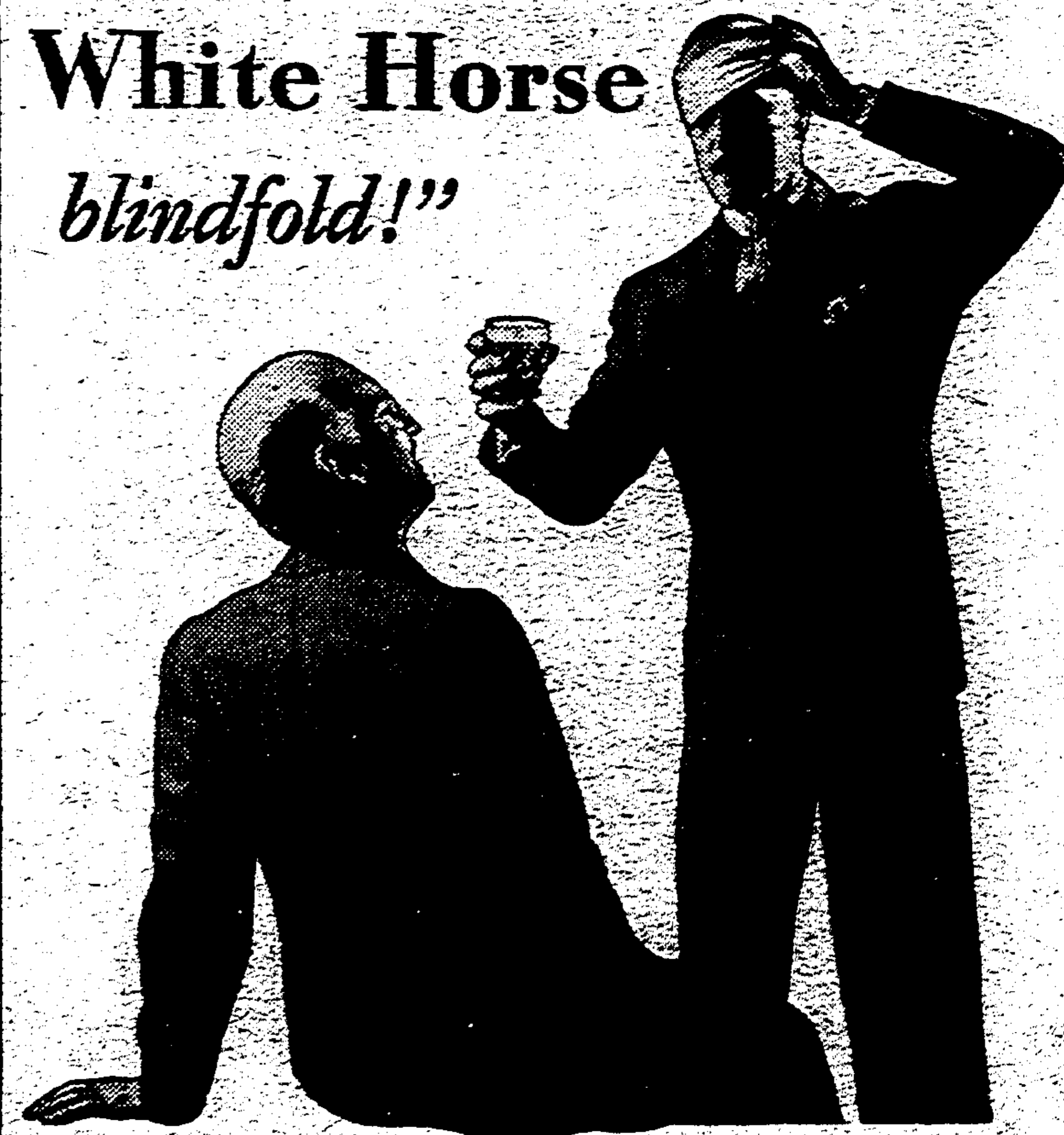
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HATS OFF TO BRITAIN'S CLIMATE

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not be expected to rough it more than is absolutely necessary.

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* * *

History has shown over and over again that an Empire only collapses when its workers become effete through soft living. Rome went under only when they started giving every other Sunday off to the Plebeians, and alternate Wednesday nights to the members of the Praetorian Guard.

It was the Praetorian Guard that made and unmade the Emperors of Rome. But who could make an Emperor after a surfeit of roundabouts, lemonade, and Chelsea buns? Or unmake one, for that matter?

Definitely, we must take off our hats, and our roofs, too, to the weather that has made Britain what she is.

And another thing you may not have realised. The frontiers of this country are not our coasts—nor the Rhine, for that matter. They are the isobars and isothermals that draw the line of demarcation between the hardy British fogs and the insipid sunshine of the Continent.

It was the British climate that defeated the Spanish Armada. As soon as the invaders sighted our shores and the weather going on at the time (the same as is going on now) they fled for their lives.

Why was it that the much-threatened invasion of this country by Napoleon never took place? Spies brought him back samples of English weather, which at first scared him, but when he had them analysed he recovered confidence, for his chemists told him, in no uncertain language, "There ain't no sich animile."

But, then, one evening, he happened to be listening in about six o'clock, and heard the weather forecast.

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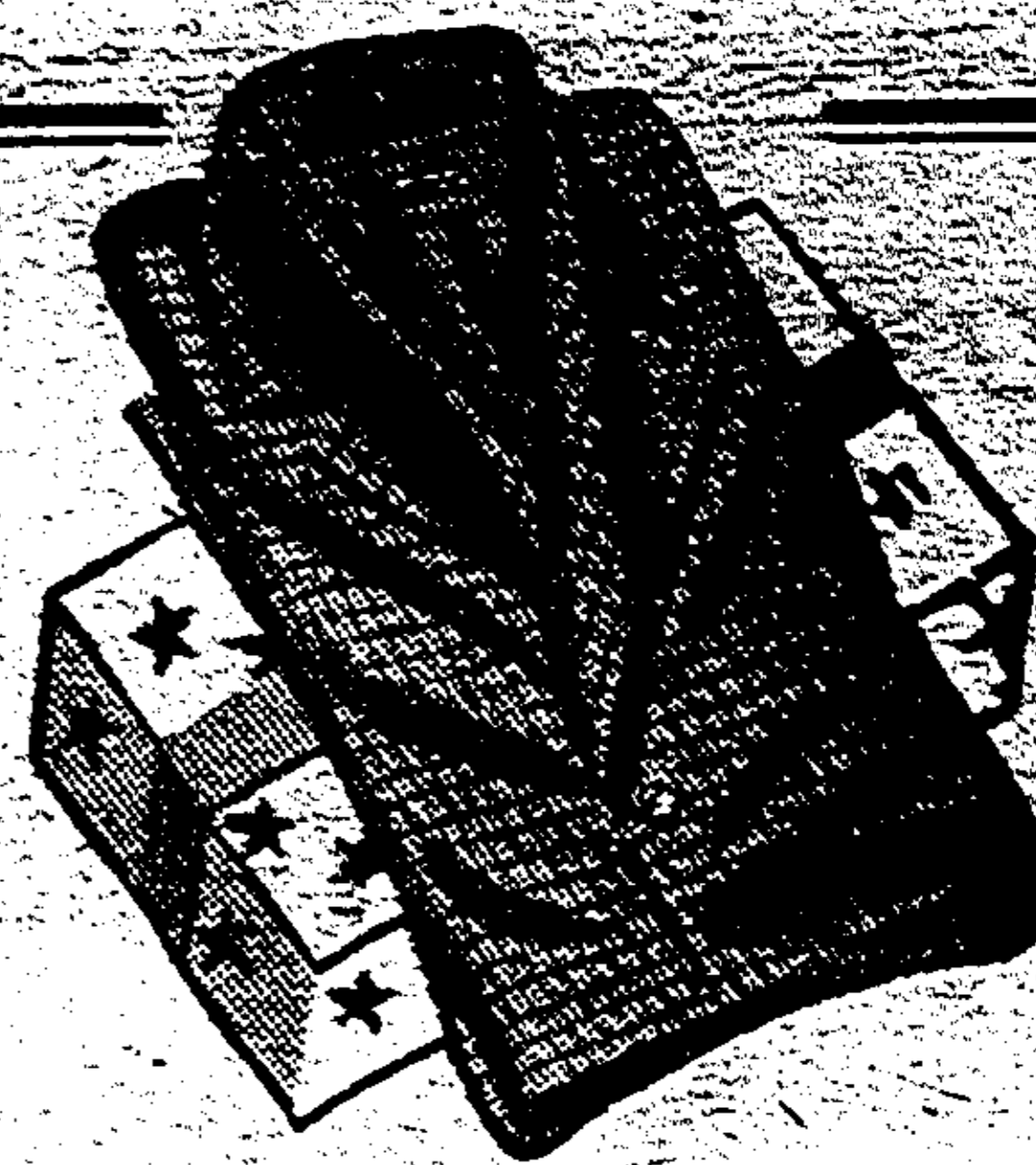
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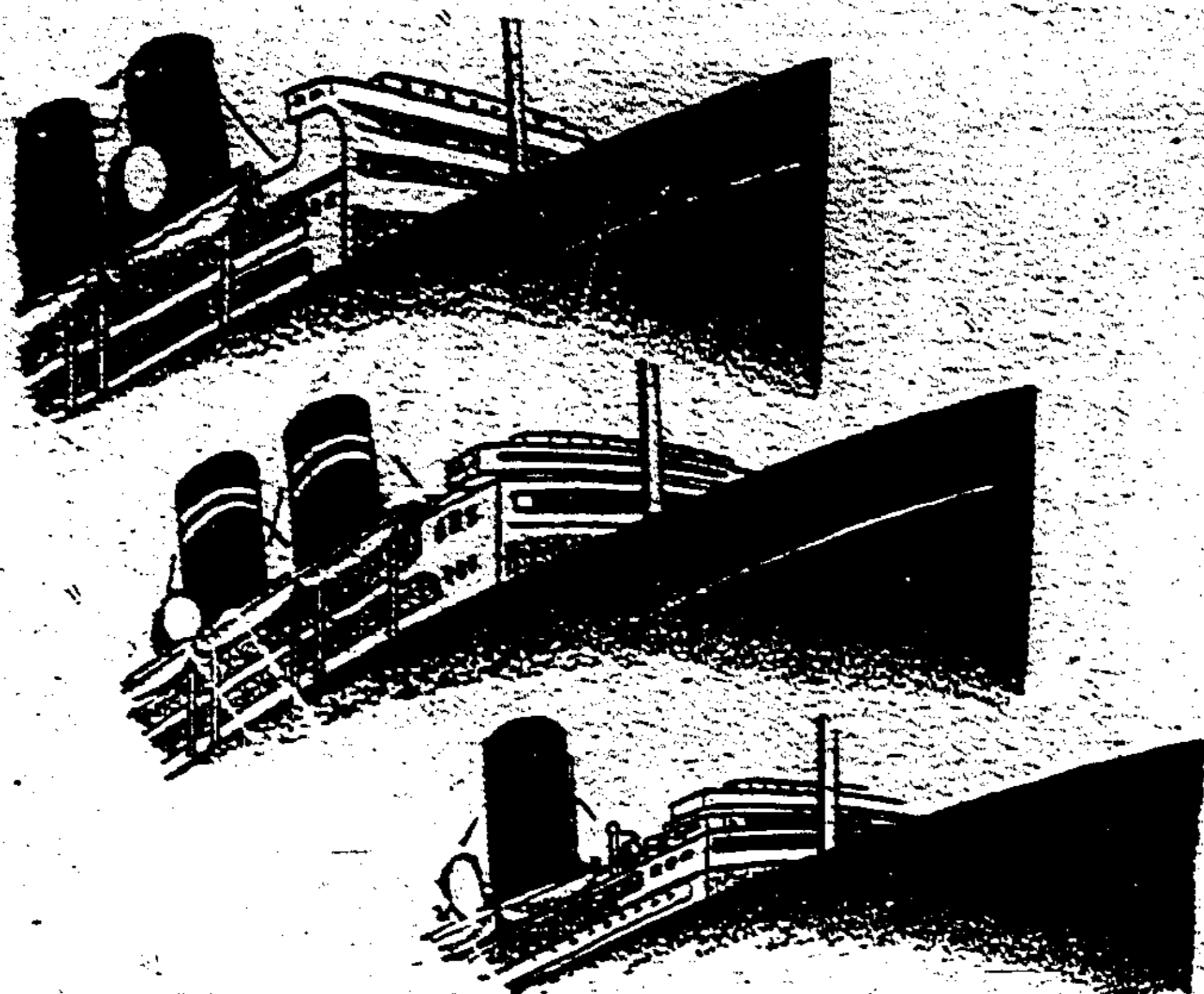
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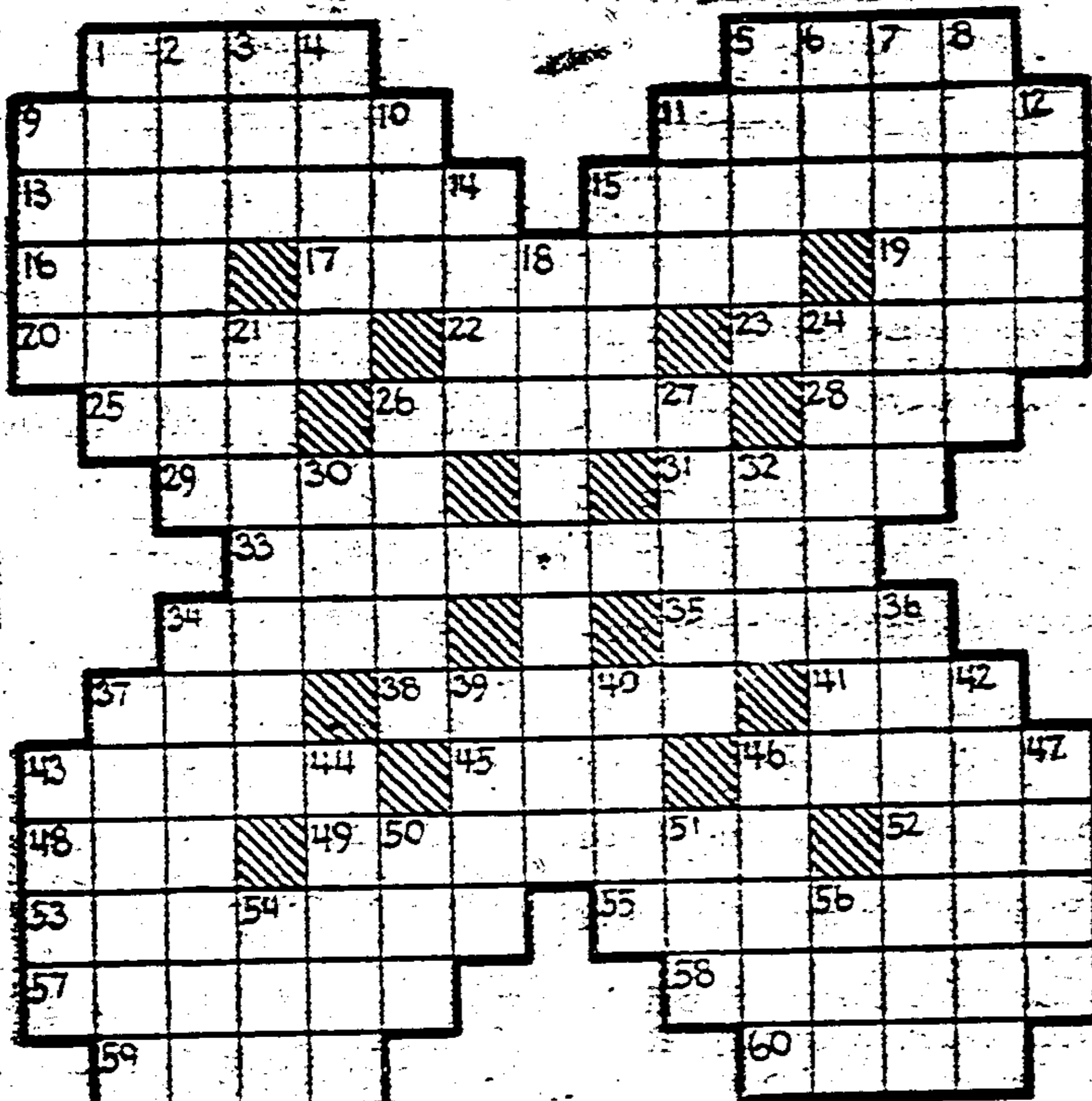
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- 9-Covet
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- 12-Breathe in and out
- 15-Performed
- 16-Open (Poet.)
- 17-Specimens
- 18-Algebra (abbr.)
- 20-Plural of penny
- 22-Combining form.
- 23-Fur-bearing animal
- 25-Combining form.
- 26-Auriculate
- 28-Note in Guido's scale
- 29-Dines
- 31-One (Ger.)
- 33-Filling completely
- 34-Part of a hammer
- 35-Element in the air
- 37-Arrival (abbr.)
- 38-Division of a poem
- 41-Out (S. Afr. D.)
- 43-City in N. W. France

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

- 45-Freeze
- 46-A free
- 48-Advertisements
- 49-Softens in temper
- 52-Prefix. Before
- 53-Graspers
- 55-Cut in three parts
- 57-Make precious
- 58-Worships
- 59-Placed on a golf mound
- 60-Formerly (Poet.)

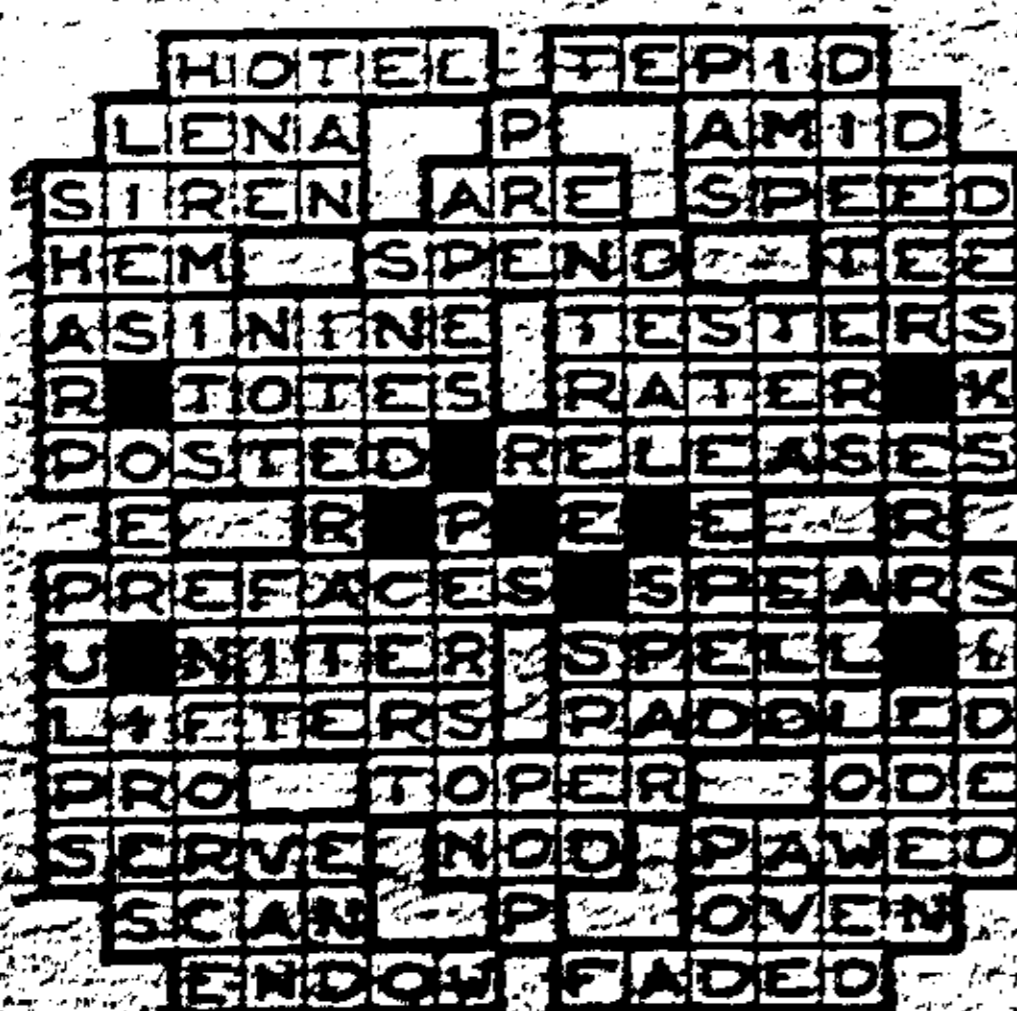
VERTICAL

- 1-Indian house
- 2-Perfume
- 3-Edge
- 4-Ascend
- 5-Rank
- 6-Record (abbr.)
- 7-Edible
- 8-Girl's name
- 8-Let fall
- 10-Epoch
- 11-Unit

VERTICAL (Cont.)

- 12-Rim
- 14-Girl's name
- 15-Otherwise
- 18-Magnetic conductance
- 21-Gazers
- 24-Of a bronze color
- 26-Especially (abbr.)
- 27-One of the guardians of the Gorgons
- 30-Half a score
- 32-I have (contr.)
- 34-To sit in authority over others
- 36-Small pincers
- 37-Eager
- 39-Troubles
- 40-Canvas shelter
- 42-Triplet (Mus.)
- 43-Foundation
- 44-To walk on
- 46-To one side
- 47-Snares
- 50-Make a mistake
- 51-Between (Ital.)
- 54-Sea (Dutch)
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The Commission will after consideration of written statements, request the writers of such statements as appear helpful or relevant to appear and give oral testimony before it at the Urban Council Chamber (top floor, Post Office Building) at such time and date as may be notified.

All communications should be addressed to The Secretary, Rents Commission, c/o Secretariat for Chinese Affairs, and will be treated as confidential if desired.

R. J. MINNITT,
 Secretary, Rents Commission.

LOCAL SHARE MARKET

Following is the list of changes and enquiries in local share quotations this morning—

BANKS

Hong Kong Bank \$1595/1600 sa.

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Union Ins. \$530 b., \$540 s., \$535/540 sa.

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Berlin, To-day.

Mr. Herbert Hoover, who had been in Berlin since Monday, left for Warsaw yesterday morning—Trans-Ocean.

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1ST EXTRA RACE MEET TO-MORROW

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SILKYLIGHT'S CHANCES IN HONG KONG HANDICAP

MR. S. C. LIANG ON SICK LIST

(By "RAPIER")

RACING will be resumed at the Valley to-morrow, when the Hong Kong Jockey Club will conduct their First Extra Race Meeting, the first saddling bell for which will be rung at 1.30 p.m. An attractive programme of nine events will be featured, the majority of which are specially reserved for ponies that have not won a race during the Annual Race Meeting.

The form of such ponies is now known to the racing public, and those who have followed them during the five days of the Annual Meeting should not find much difficulty in placing the right bets. There is always the possibility, however, of favourites being beaten when least expected, although for to-morrow I am inclined to expect that they will dominate results.

With the exception of Mr. V. V. Needa, all the other Shanghai jockeys have returned North, including Messrs. C. Encarnacao, F. Marshall, J. Pote-Hunt and H. Maitland. As a result of his unfortunate accident, from which he is still confined in hospital, Mr. W. H. S. Davis will probably be unable to resume riding for some time. I feel sure, however, that all keen followers of the Turf will join me in hoping that he will make a speedy recovery from the effects of his injuries.

Champion jockey for 1937, Mr. S. C. Liang, is also indisposed, and will not be riding to-morrow. I believe that he was asked to pilot Silky Light, the 1938 champion, but the mount will now be given to Mr. B. L. Tao.

THE "HAY AND CORN" STAKES: FROM THE 1½ MILE POST (ABOUT FIVE FURLONGS).

In this race, confined to subscription griffins of any season that have not scored a win since the commencement of the Annual Race Meeting, I expect the finish to be fought out between ponies of past seasons. Although entered, Golden Cow and Planchet, subscription griffins of this year, may not participate in this event, as I think they have a better opportunity of winning the fifth race.

Among the other ponies, it would appear that the following are undoubtedly the best:—

Coronation Day (Mr. S. W. Tang).

Gold Sovereign (Mr. B. L. Tao).

Racing Boy (Mr. H. P. Chanson).

Tabby Cat (Mr. H. C. Pih).

Yum Sing (Mr. W. G. Poy).

In the Northern Stakes, over one mile, on the Fourth Day of Annual Race Week, Coronation Day was backed very heavily, but was beaten by Whalsey, which paid a fairly substantial dividend. The distance to-morrow is much shorter, and, as Coronation Day can move fairly fast, I think it is safe to nominate it for a win.

It will receive a certain amount of opposition from Tabby Cat. If properly handled, I should not be surprised to see Racing Boy have a say at the finish. Gold Sovereign and Yum Sing could, with a little luck, take one of the minor positions.

THE "LOTTERERS" STAKES: SEVEN FURLONGS
It is indeed a pity that this race

has been selected for our novice jockeys, as, with only five ponies entered, the majority of them will not be on view. Our novice riders should be given more encouragement, and the best way to do so is to give them every opportunity of riding before the racing public. With such a limited field in this race, it should not be a difficult task to nominate the winner. Humdrum Eve will be ridden by Mr. A. D. Coppin, and, in view of its performance when it came in second to Half-Moon Eve, in the Griffins Spring Handicap, on the last day of the Annual Race Meeting, it should have no difficulty in winning.

The only other pony capable of extending Humdrum Eve is Lancashire Lass, which will be Mr. K. I. Ip's mount, but I very much doubt whether the latter will be



fast enough for Humdrum Eve, which will probably run away with a commanding lead. Tampa Bay will be taken out by Mr. C. L. Gregory, and it should finish third, as I consider that it is better than either Handicap Eve or Rose Jane.

THE "ALL OUT" STAKES: SIX FURLONGS

China ponies that have not won during race week will figure in this race, in which I expect to see the following contesting:—

GLADIATOR (MR. V. V. NEEDA).

HARVEST VIEW (MR. Y. K. WOUH).

HAVOC EVE (MR. K. S. SHU).

KING'S CORONATION (MR. C. L. GREGORY).

OAK BAY (MR. B. A. PROULX).

ROYAL SCOT (MR. B. L. TAO).

SOLDIER OF BRITAIN (MR. H. C. PIH).

SOLDIER OF CHINA (MR. H. P. CHANSON).

TYNE (MR. S. W. TANG).

As a result of his unfortunate accident, Mr. W. H. Davis will not ride and Mr. B. A. Poulx has been given the mount on Oak Bay. Coming in second to Trentbridge in the Consolation Stakes (one mile), Gladiator seems the likely choice for first place, especially as it has come up well on previous occasions over six furlongs. If Mr. Poulx rides as well as Mr. Davis on Oak Bay, it will give Gladiator a warm challenge, but I rather suspect that Soldier of Britain is due for a win here. At any rate, the finish should be fought out between these three ponies, my fancy being Gladiator, with Oak Bay second, and Soldier of Britain as a potential menace.

THE RANDWICK PLATE: ONE MILE

This race will be confined to the new Australian ponies that failed to score a win during the Annual Race Meeting, and, judging by results, I expect the finish to revolve

into a battle between the following:—

COLORADO STAR (MR. B. A. PROULX).

LUCKY LAD (MR. POY).

MACQUARIE RIVER (MR. D. BLACK).

REX (MR. A. W. RAYMOND).

Colorado Star came in second, in the Blue Mountains Plate (1¼ miles), and a win is indicated here, but it will have to beat Lucky Lad, which did extremely well in the First Section of the Sydney Maidens, when it was beaten into third place by a very narrow margin.

Macquarie River has been placed in every race in which it has appeared, but I am just afraid that it may find the mile distance a little too much. On the other hand, The Buffer (Mr. Needa) is a powerful looking pony, and if it keeps up in the early stages of the race it may yet spring a surprise.

THE TYTAM HANDICAP: ("A" DIVISION) ONE MILE

The best ponies among this year's subscription griffins will appear in this event, and although it would appear that Louis XIV is a certain winner, I expect to see a close and exciting finish.

Carrying 168 lbs. in the Sports Club Cup, over 1½ miles, Louis XIV won without being extended. For to-morrow, however, it has to concede quite a lot of weight to several ponies that have done well. Louis XIV has demonstrated its superiority so convincingly however, in the four events which it won, that I cannot see its colours being lowered. Smiling Thru (Mr. B. L. Tao) is about the next best, but it will have to do well to beat either Piet Hein (Mr. Chao) or Salvage Master (Mr. Black).

Planchet (Mr. Needa) has only 148 lbs. to carry, and this light weight may enable it to give a better account of itself.

This is the first leg of the "Daily Double," and Louis XIV is the logical choice.

THE HONG KONG HANDICAP: ("A" DIVISION) 1¼ MILES

In this race for China ponies that have started since February 18, 1938, which I consider the main event of the afternoon, Silky Light has been allotted top weight of 168 lbs., conceding no less than 10 lbs. to both Desert Chief and King's Warden. Should Silky Light not accept, the other two ponies will have to carry the maximum weight.

Silky Light will be ridden by Mr. B. L. Tao and, despite the heavy penalty, I believe that it is capable of winning.

In view of its most convincing win in the Hong Kong Derby, and its sensational defeat of Liberty Bay, in the Champions, Silky Light will naturally command the most support. Regarding the second position, it is difficult to say whether Desert Chief will account for King's Warden.

These two should provide an interesting duel, however, with King's Warden as my fancy. In the event of Silky Light not accepting, I would then nominate King's Warden to win, with Desert Chief second, and Cossack's Beauty third.

THE TYTAM HANDICAP: ("B" DIVISION) ONE MILE

This is the second leg of the "Daily Double," in which punters are presented with the fascinating problem of selecting a likely winner among this year's subscription griffins that have not been placed in any previous race. I recommend Charybdis (Mr. V. V. Needa), as it was included in the list of ponies which had originally been marked

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LEAGUE WILL BE DECIDED TO-MORROW

(By "ADREM")

THE glorious uncertainty of cricket was never more strikingly illustrated than last Saturday, when Kowloon Cricket Club, generally considered, with the Indian Recreation Club, to have the finest chance of winning the Senior League, dropped two points against Recreio, who have only secured one point to date, and short of a miracle, can now be considered out of the running.

ON THE OTHER HAND, CRAIGENGOWER, WHILE BEING CONCEDED A FAIR CHANCE, WERE, IN VIEW OF THE STIFFER OPPOSITION IN THEIR TWO REMAINING FIXTURES, NOT SERIOUSLY RECKONED WITH.

As matters now stand, they are more than likely to qualify for a play-off with the Indians, as they should at worst, draw with the Club to-morrow, while Indians are unlikely to do better than that against the K.C.C.

There is yet a chance that cricket's glorious uncertainty may yet have a last fling and that both Craigengower and I.R.C. will lose, in which event, the disconsolate K.C.C. men may yet find themselves champions.

It is always easy after an event has been decided, to forward various courses which might have been followed and criticise others which proved themselves unsuccessful.

For instance, Anderson called right in the spin of the coin against Gosano, but elected to field—the usual K.C.C. policy in a League match, it may be added. In view of the dead wicket and the absence of a sufficient number of spin bowlers, Recreio's earlier batsmen were able to do pretty much as they liked.

Despite the fine drizzle which started to fall at about 5 o'clock, it was clearly noticeable that the turf had dried off somewhat on the surface and was distinctly more lively, while K.C.C. were batting.

SARGENT MIGHT HAVE GOT GOSANO

Another if, C.B.R. Sargent playing for the second team a few hundred yards away, proved well-nigh unplayable while taking seven Army "B" wickets for a meagre total. Admittedly, the Army batting could hardly be classified as first class but the fact remains, Sargent was turning the ball yards and, I think, would have been just the man to have got Gosano, hitting at everything.

However, the K.C.C. authorities could hardly have expected when their teams were selected earlier in the week, that the weather would have broken in the way it did. Also, Anderson had no reason to expect that Gosano would choose this, of all matches to strike form comparable to his best ever. So, if any blame is to be laid—and I am here only voicing theories and opinions which have been laid before me—

let us once again put it down to the glorious uncertainty of cricket.

I have heard Eddie Gosano's innings described as a perfect gem. In view of its effect and the speed at which it was scored, it undoubtedly glittered. He took his courage in both hands and hit fiercely all round the wicket. His finest scoring shots flashed through the covers but his most effective were his lofted drives.

Anderson must have had a most harassing half hour or so, as Gosano's strokes were almost impossible to anticipate—one very rude gentleman said that he thought it very unlikely that Eddie himself, knew to within 50 yards or so where the ball would land after he had hit it.

NOTHING TO HAND

Nevertheless, nothing went to hand and he claimed 50 of the first 60 runs which were scored. K.C.C. confidence by this time had rapidly evaporated and Recreio were beginning to fancy themselves in the roles of Giant-killers.

Soon after Gosano was caught by Anderson off a skier, Reed, who had batted quite without enterprise, being content to keep his wicket intact and wait for a short run which he could hook, was bowled by Lloyd.

Soares, a left-hander, always looked a batsman and hit a colossal six over the pavilion but apart from Rodrigues, who went in late, evidently to fight any rearguard actions which might have been found necessary, the remainder of the side found great difficulty in getting the ball away and although the first hour yielded nearly 100 runs, a declaration was not made until 4.25 by which time only 60 runs had been added.

Lee and Lloyd bore the brunt of the K.C.C. attack. The former was fairly steady but appeared to me to be lacking in initiative while Lloyd, who was inclined to be short and on the leg, proved very expensive.

FINCHER'S BEST FORM

Teddy Fincher and Anderson opened for K.C.C. but after 30 had been hoistd, the latter was caught by Noronha. Baxter shaped confidently, scoring a three off his



first ball but was out soon afterwards to a cow-shot.

O'Brien fared little better, Burnett played on and Madar came in to play for a draw. His innings was eminently sound and he took no chances whatever. He survived Fincher, who was out to a catch at the wicket by Beltrao after an innings more nearly approaching his normal form than any he has played this season. Joined by Hung—quite a stranger to the game—Madar played out time.

Pereira bowled very well indeed and his performance was the best of the afternoon, while Ozorio was steady. Recreio's fielding was magnificent, special mention having to be made of the fine work of A. V. Gosano, who gave a really brilliant display.

ARMY WELL-BEATEN

A depleted Army side proved no match for Craigengower and were well beaten by 7 wickets. Lt. Man, batted well for his 24 but Godby took the honours of the innings with a hard-hit 77. Billimoria, one of the steadiest left-hand bowlers in the Colony, was always difficult to play and captured 6 for 37 in 16 overs.

With Francis Zimmern hitting hard and often, supported by A. R. H. Esmail, Craigengower secured the runs necessary for victory for the loss of only 3 wickets. Zimmern hit 12 boundaries and Esmail 7.

Feature of the drawn game between Civil Service and Navy at Happy Valley, was a typical innings by Hong Kong's Woodfull, Capt. Whitmarsh, who included 13 boundaries in his 96.

McLellan (39) top-scored for Civil Service who were only 27 in arrears with 3 wickets in hand, at the close.

By far the most exciting game was witnessed at Sookanpoo where the Indians were held to a draw by the Club. Though the Club declared at 160 for nine the Indians stood an excellent chance of winning, for, with ten minutes to go they were only 28 runs behind.

A "hat trick" by Owen Hughes, when he took the wickets of A. Rahim, E. El Arculi and A. H. Madar, changed the complexion of the game and the Indians were only able to add a further 15 runs for the loss of another wicket.

In the poor light, anything might have happened but A. M. Rumjahn and M. P. Madar played out time.



Racing

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down as prospective winners. Why it has failed, so far, I cannot understand, but among this lot of "also-rans," I think it should win. Easy Time (Mr. Y. K. Wouh) is another pony which has disappointed, and I look to it to fill second place. For the third position, Split Hand (Mr. H. P. Chanson) is my choice. Lancashire Chap is not bad, as is Dark Hazard, and Jack High (Mr. B. L. Tao) is the likely outsider.

THE HONG KONG HANDICAP ("B" DIVISION) 1 1/4 MILES

Boolat Bay, New Star and Rose Queen are given the maximum weight of 168 lbs. and, in view of the length of the race, I think we will have to look elsewhere for the winner. With only 158 lbs. to carry, Bright View (Mr. H. C. Pih) looks very tempting, especially if the track is on the soft side, otherwise I anticipate a win for King's Lead (162 lbs.), which will be ridden by Mr. Needa.

It will be recalled that in the Curragh Handicap, on the first day of the Annual Race Meeting, King's Lead just managed to snatch a win from Boolat Bay, but it was actually due to clever riding on the part of Mr. Needa. In dry weather King's Lead should win, with Boolat Bay second and Bright View third.

THE MOONIE PONDS HANDICAP: ONE MILE

This is the last race of the day, and it should be contested between three ponies:

Blandford (Mr. Poy),
Lancashire Chips (Mr. Proulx),
Home Brew (Mr. Ralph).

Those who watched the Australian Champions on Saturday, February 26, will be able to recall that Home Brew, which was then ridden by Mr. G. L. Gregory, went through the first mile at a fairly fast speed, and on this account alone it will probably be well supported. I doubt, however, whether the finish to be fought out between Blandford and Lancashire Chips.

On the last occasion these two met, Blandford nosed out Lancashire Chips for third position, in the Australian Champions, but to-morrow, due to the shorter distance, I have every confidence in Lancashire Chips winning for its new lady owner, Mrs. J. H. Taggart.

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It involves the right of a person to erect a platform overlooking a race-course and to allow a commentator to broadcast descriptions of races.

A petition for special leave to appeal has been lodged. The appellant is the Victoria Park Racing Club, Sydney,



and the respondents are the owner of the property on which the platform was erected and a commercial broadcasting company.

The club is appealing against the decision of the High Court of Australia upholding a ruling of the Lower Court that the action of the respondents did not amount to an actionable nuisance, nor to the breach of any legal duty in the use of the adjoining land.

JUDGES DISSENT

Two judges of the High Court of Australia, Mr. Justice Rich and Mr. Justice Evatt, dissented from the majority decision. Mr. Justice Rich held that the right of observation from adjacent land had never been held to be an absolute right of property exercisable notwithstanding its destructive effect upon the enjoyment of the land overlooked.

Mr. Justice Evatt argued that a person who used devices to enable the public to overlook or spy upon the premises of another person would generally become liable to an action of nuisance, providing appreciable damage, discomfort or annoyance was caused.

Racing attendances in Australia have dropped to a point where it is hardly profitable to run racecourses because people take their racing from the radio. Australian officials say that the threat to racing will be even more serious when television is added to broadcasting.

UNKNOWN ITALIAN BEATS HOUGH

TOWEL THROWN IN AFTER SIXTH ROUND

(By HAROLD LEWIS)

London, February 8.

FRANK HOUGH was beaten and "technically knocked out" at Earl's Court last night by Merlo Preciso, an Italian boxer, whose name had never been heard before by many of the thousands of Hough's admirers, who have been flocking weekly to the National Sporting Club tournaments to see the season's idol.

DISAPPOINTED AND ASTONISHED AS PEOPLE WERE AT THE OBVIOUS SUPREMACY OF THE SWIFT, HARD-HITTING ITALIAN IN THE FIRST FIVE ROUNDS, THE SIXTH, WHICH PROVED THE LAST, LEFT THEM DUMBOUNDED BY THE SEQUENCE OF EXTRAORDINARY EPISODES, WHICH ENDED WITH THE TOWEL BEING THROWN IN—DESPITE THE HEATED PROTESTS OF HOUGH—AND IN HOUGH'S SECONDS LEAVING THE RING.

During the sixth round Preciso landed a succession of heavy right-hand punches flush to the chin. Hough grinned in response to the first three, but collapsed after two more. As he sank to the floor Preciso struck him again—an illegal blow, but accidental and of no great importance.

HOUGH HELPLESS

Hough, whose chivalry in the ring has endeared himself to everyone, struggled to his feet after six seconds, still dazed, and tottered towards his opponent with outstretched glove. Preciso did not understand. He hit Hough on the chin, and after the referee had told Hough to box on followed up with another battery of punches, and Hough fell in a heap.

This time, Hough struggled to his feet at once, helpless, but in response to loud shouts from his corner, went down on one knee.

The bell ended the round. Hough went to his corner, fell on his stool, and half a minute later the towel was thrown into the ring.

A heated argument followed in Hough's corner.

Preciso was always too strong, too quick and too accurate for his rival. He won every round. Hough looked unusually slow, though this may have been the effect of comparison with Preciso.

PUNCHING LESSON

Preciso also gave Hough a lesson in the art of punching. Here was no throwing of punches, no side-hitting, but clean cracks with the knuckle.

A right to the heart steadily weakened Hough. He had no defence against this fine punch, and it was in attempting to block it with his elbow that Hough left his jaw unguarded and fell victim to the punch that started his collapse.

The action of his seconds in throwing the towel in undoubtedly saved Mr. C. B. Thomas the task of counting him out. Hough was near to tears in his dressing room afterwards, and his only consolation can be that his conqueror was undoubtedly a very useful performer. The weights were: Hough, 12st 8½lb; Preciso, 12st 5½lb.

A.A.A. APPOINTMENT

Major C. P. Sparrow has been appointed assistant secretary of the Amateur Athletic Association. He succeeds Mr. G. H. Hogafesh, who retired recently on account of ill-health.

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OPTIMISTIC NOTE STRUCK

Cairo, To-day.

That the Olympic Games in 1940 will be held in Japan, is beyond all shadow of doubt, declared Professor Kano, leader of the Japanese delegations to the International Olympic Committee meeting, which starts here to-morrow.

The Japanese people, he declared, were waiting impatiently for the opportunity of showing the world what it can achieve, and Japan was determined to make the Games a gigantic success.

The necessary funds had been appropriated and preparations were in progress.

TRUE OLYMPIC SPIRIT

He emphasised that the war with China would constitute no obstacle, even if it should continue until 1940, and Japan would welcome a Chinese Olympic team in the "true Olympic spirit!"

In Tokyo yesterday, it was emphasised that no difference of opinion existed between the Japanese Olympic Organising Committee and the Government, on the Games, and both were fully determined to carry out the original intention.

TOO PESSIMISTIC!

A committee spokesman said the War Minister was too pessimistic in his statements in the Diet, when he said it was doubtful if Japan would be in a position to be Olympic hosts.

The spokesman added that plans for a large sports hall, baseball and hockey fields, a cycling track, an Olympic village and a swimming pool, involving a cost of 6,000,000 yen, were to be laid before the Tokyo Municipal Council. —Trans-Ocean.

INTERESTING BADMINTON ENCOUNTERS

Colony Title Ties at Recreio To-night

Two interesting matches in the Colony Badminton Championships will be featured to-night at Club de Recreio, when C. Au meets T. F. Yong, in the Men's Singles Championship, and H. A. Barros and H. A. Alves clash with M. A. Oliveira and J. J. Remedios, in the Men's Doubles Championship.

Au is one of the most promising players in the Colony and acknowledged by many to be the strongest challenger to Patrick Wong, the holder, for the title. Should he win to-night's match against T. F. Yong, he will meet P. K. Hui, last year's runner-up in the Semi-Final Round next Monday, at Tai-koo.

THRILLING GAME

To-night's Doubles encounter is likely to produce a thrilling game as the pairs, both from Recreio, are well matched, although Oliveira and Remedios have youth on their side, and this will probably turn the tide in their favour.

One Mixed Doubles encounter will also take place this evening

GOOD TENNIS PROGRAMME FOR TO-DAY

Two Former Singles Holders on View

Two former Colony Singles lawn tennis champions will be on view this afternoon when Tsui Wai-pui, who is favoured to regain the title he did not defend last year, will meet A. Chan and should win easily.

S. A. Ramjahn, also a former holder of the title, will meet W. A. Land, a hard hitter on both hands, and an interesting match should be seen here, although on a soft surface such as it is likely to be, Sirdar's sliced backhand drives and drop shots should carry him into the next round.

There are two very interesting Doubles encounters, the best of which is likely to be an all-Recreio affair in which A. V. Gosano and A. V. Remedios will meet H. A. Barros and J. Gonsalves.

On current form the latter pair should win as Gosano by no means revealed championship form during the past week when he succumbed to S. W. Liang during the Singles Championship, and with Remedios prone to smash at everything which comes his way, prospects of a victory for Barros and Gonsalves look bright at the moment.

Another fairly interesting match should be featured when J. W. Leonard and G. Choa clash with A. Crawford and G. C. Burnett, when the former pair are expected to succeed.



The following is to-day's programme:

Club Handicap Singles

G. W. Sewell (—15) v. R. M. M. King (+3.6).

Colony Championship

J. A. E. Douglass v. W. Sander.
Tsui Wai-pui v. A. Chan.
S. A. Ramjahn v. W. A. Land.
Colony Doubles Championship
A. V. Gosano and A. V. Remedios v. H. A. Barros and J. Gonsalves.
F. H. Kwok and S. W. Liang v. L. J. C. Lock and J. M. Tomlinson.
J. W. Leonard and George Choa v. A. Crawford and G. C. Burnett.

Club Handicap Doubles

J. J. Ferguson and J. M. Wilson (—3.6) v. W. Wooding and E. Laidlaw (scr.).
L. R. Andrews and E. H. Williams (+1.6) v. A. T. Dow and H. D. Bidwell (—2.6).

when P. K. Hui and Miss U. Khoo, the holders, will meet Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Clark and should win without being fully extended.

To-night's programme is as follows:

MEN'S SINGLES

C. Au v. T. F. Yong (6.30 p.m.).

MEN'S DOUBLES

H. A. Barros and H. A. Alves v. M. A. Oliveira and J. J. Remedios (7.15 p.m.).

MIXED DOUBLES

P. K. Hui and Miss U. Khoo v. Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Clark (8 p.m.).

YESTERDAY'S HOME RUGBY RESULTS

London, To-day.—Cornwall beat Kent by 10 points to 6 in the Rugby Union County Championship, at Falmouth yesterday, while Pontypridd lost at home to Neath by 11 clear points.—Reuter.



Golden Miller is among the entries for the Grand Steeplechase de Paris, to be run at Auteuil next June. Drimmore Lad is to be ridden in the Grand National by E. Williams, who won on Royal Mail last year.



EVERTON SIGN GREENHALGH

Everton have signed, at a fee of about £2,000, Norman Greenhalgh, the New Brighton back Greenhalgh, who is 22, joined New Brighton three seasons ago, having previously played for Bolton Wanderers.

NEW CAMBRIDGE CAPTAIN

K. R. J. Pennington (Derby and Emmanuel) was yesterday elected captain of Cambridge University Association F. C. for next season. F. E. Templer (Bradfield and Trinity) was elected vice-captain and N. W. Beeson (Malvern and Clare) secretary.



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1 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.
1.03 p.m.—Primo Scala's Accordion Band.
1.19 p.m.—Patricia Rossborough (Piano).
1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.
1.40 p.m.—Gilbert and Sullivan Excerpts.
1.56 p.m.—Light Orchestral.
Immortal Strauss (A Medley of Strauss Waltzes) Viennese Waltz Orchestra.
Piccadilly—Concert Arrangement (From 'Soft Lights and Sweet Music').
Falling Leaves—Concert Arrangement (Kennedy, Carr)... Ambrose & His Orchestra with Vocal Chorus.
What's Next? (A Potpourri of popular tunes of the last half Century)..... Herman Finck and His Orchestra.
2.15 p.m.—Close down.
5-7 p.m.—Chinese Programme.
7 p.m.—Organ and Choral Programme.
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Morgenblätter (Vocal Waltz—Johann Strauss, Op. 279)..... The B.B.C. Wireless Chorus.
7.25 p.m.—Closing local Stock Quotations.
7.30 p.m.—London Relay—Food For Thought. Three short talks on matters of topical interest.
7.50 p.m.—Studio—A Talk On Society For Protection of Children by D. Spreckley.
8 p.m.—Local Time Signal. Weather Report and Announcements.
8.03 p.m.—Studio—Empress of Britain's Dance Orchestra.
9 p.m.—Richard Crooks (Tenor).
Songs My Mother Taught Me (Macfarren-Dvorak).
Mother O' Mine (Kipling—Tours).
If I Should Send A Rose (Shayon—Skilret).
9.10 p.m.—Chopin.
Polonaise-Fantaisie No. 7 In A Flat Major Op. 61.
Andante Spianato Op. 22.
Arthur Rubinstein (Piano).

Waltz In D Flat—Op. 84, No. 1.
Etude in C Major—Op. 10, No. 7.
Wilhelm Backhaus (Piano).
9.30 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
9.50 p.m.—Band of H.M. Grenadier Guards.
The Beggar's Opera—Selection (Gay—Austin)..... Cond. by Capt. George Miller.
The Grenadiers Waltz (Waldteufel arr. Winterbottom)..... Cond. by Capt. George Miller.
Old Folks At Home And In Foreign Lands..... Cond. by Capt. George Miller.
10.10 p.m.—Variety Programme.
Orchestra—
The Acacia Blossoms—Twice; More Stars Than There Are In The Sky.
Once I Had A Dear Mother; The Sun Is In Love With The Moon.
Magyar Imre & His Hungarian Gypsy Orchestra.
Vocal—
Nur Dir Will Ich Gehoren (Wilczynski—Van Aaken).
In Deiner Augen, Les Ich Ein Marchen (Niederberger-Heller).
Joseph Schmidt (Tenor).
Piano—
You're Here, You're There, You're Everywhere (Kahal & Loeb).
Foodin' Myself (Lawrence & Tinturin)..... Carrol Gibbons and His Boy Friends.
Vocal—
It's The Natural Thing To Do.
The Moon Got In My Eyes (from 'Double or Nothing')..... Hildegarde with Orchestra.
Humorous—
Gert And Daisy And The Tandem.
Huntin'... Elsie & Doris Waters.
Dance Orch.—
Ragtime Cowboy Joe.
Sailing On The Robert E. Lee.
Harry Roy's Tiger-Ragamuffins.
Vocal—
Climbing Up The Golden Stairs.
In The Moonlight's Glow.
The Hill Billies with their own Novelty Accomp.
Organ Palace Theatre Medley.
Reginald Foort—Organ of the Paramount Theatre, London.
11 p.m.—London Relay—America Speaks—3. A series of talks broadcast from the U.S.A. to the British Empire.
11.20 p.m.—Close down.

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8.20 a.m.—Reginald Foort, at the BBC Theatre Organ.
8.40 a.m.—Next Week's Programmes.
8.50 a.m.—The News and Announcements. Greenwich Time Signal at 9.00 a.m.
9.15 a.m.—Close down.

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11.30 a.m.—Food for Thought.
12.20 p.m.—Dance Music.
1.00 p.m.—My Sax and I! Hal Swain.
1.10 p.m.—Musical Interlude.
1.20 p.m.—Next Week's Programmes.
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2.00 p.m.—Big Ben. The BBC Empire Orchestra.
3.00 p.m.—Talk: 'America Speaks'—3. A series of talks broadcast from the U.S.A. to the British Empire.
3.20 p.m.—Billy Mayerl.
3.30 p.m.—Hughie Green and his Gang. With his latest juvenile successes and band.
4.00 p.m.—The News and Announcements. Greenwich Time Signal at 4.15 p.m.
4.20 p.m.—Next Week's Programmes.
4.30 p.m.—They're Off! A non-stop Variety of song, comedy, and rhythm.
5.00 p.m.—Close down.

BRIDGE NOTES

By ELY CULBERTSON

Timing Of Cross-Ruff

Hands involving cross-ruffs often require great delicacy in timing. The trick is to cash one's top cards before the defenders can void themselves in those suits. But this, of course, is just a generality. Different holdings demand different tactics. In the hand shown below the question of entries is the crucial one.

Match-point duplicate.

South, dealer.

Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
S—K Q 5
H—K 7 4 3
D—5
C—A 10 6 4 2
WEST
S—7
H—J 10 9 2
D—A K Q 10 3 2
C—Q 5
EAST
S—J 6 4 2
H—Q 8 5
D—9 7
C—J 9 8 3
SOUTH
S—A 10 9 8 3
H—A 6
C—J 8 6 4
C—K 7

The bidding:

South West North East
1 spade 2 diamonds 3 spades Pass
4 spades Pass Pass Pass

North was not completely satisfied with his own double spade raise, but probably thought it the least of all evils. As a matter of fact, it was a highly dangerous bid. For all North knew, South might have a four card spade suit. After a double raise this would not keep him from bidding four spades, since he would expect to find at least four trumps in North's hand. North counted his singleton diamond and three trumps as valuable for ruffing purposes, but, obviously, if South needed North's trumps as trumps, they could not be used for ruffing also. North should have bid three clubs and hoped that South would be able to rebid spades. Then, in the knowledge that South had at least five trumps, four spades would have been the marked bid.

West opened the diamond king and shifted to the heart jack. Declarer saw that his contract was virtually "on ice," but, since this was match-point duplicate, he naturally wanted to make as many tricks as possible.

Two different lines of play were attractive: One, to attempt the establishment of North's club suit, the other, to embark on a straight cross-ruff. With nothing whatsoever to guide him, declarer might well have chosen the club suit establishment plan. But he saw an objection to this. West, a fairly conservative player, had made a vulnerable overcall of two diamonds. He could have no ace or king in any suit except diamonds, and therefore it appeared highly likely that he held at least a six card suit. This, in turn, implied that a 3-3 club break and a 3-2 spade break were extremely remote. Since the club establishment plan depended upon both of these breaks, declarer rightly determined to abandon that plan in favour of the cross-ruff.

Winning West's heart lead with the ace, declarer ruffed a diamond with dummy's low trump, then cashed the heart king, and ruffed a third round with the spade three. Another diamond was ruffed with the queen, and declarer carefully noted East's discard of a club.

It became more and more probable that East had long spades, which, of course, implied that he held the jack. A fourth round of hearts was ruffed with the spade eight, East meanwhile discarding another club. Now, to prevent East from getting rid of any more clubs, declarer played the king and over to the ace, then led a third round of clubs. East, down to trumps, had to ruff. Declarer overruffed and ruffed his last diamond with dummy's spade king. Now, East was forced to under-trump. With the play in dummy, all declarer had to do was lead a club and again over-ruff East. Only one trick, the first, had been lost.

A slightly different sequence of plays on declarer's part would have held him to eleven tricks, as was manifested by the fact that most players in his position had to be satisfied with only one over-trick.

TO-DAY'S QUESTION

Question: What is the correct response to partner's opening three no trump bid with the following:

S—Q 9 7 5 4 3, H—8, D—8 7 5 2, C—9 6?

Answer: Four spades.

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E. COCK,
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KOWLOON RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

THE RENTS QUESTION

The General Committee of the Kowloon Residents' Association proposes, if deemed advisable, to make representation to the Government of Hongkong in support of tenants whose rents have been unreasonably increased or who have been evicted despite prompt payment of rent.

To enable the Association to present irrefutable facts to Government, residents, whether or not members of the Association, are invited to fill in this form and send it to Mr. R. Baldwin, Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, 51, Kimberley Road, Kowloon.

All replies will be treated confidentially.

Note: Whether your rent has been increased or not, please make a return so as to enable the Association to judge approximately what proportion of tenants have been victimised.

Name

Address

Name of Landlord

Flat or House

Are you principal or sub-tenant?

Rent paid on June 30, 1937 \$

September 30, 1937 \$

December 31, 1937 \$

February 28, 1938 \$

What was your rent when you first occupied the premises? \$

Has your Landlord evicted you?

For what reason

Were you in arrears with your rent?

Are you a satisfied tenant?

Remarks

DRAMATIC KOWLOON SIT-DOWN STRIKE

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high officials were among the police contingents sent to the factory.

An attempt was made to negotiate, the discussions proceeding over the wall. Mr. K. C. Chow acting as interpreter for the strikers and police interpreters for the police.

These efforts to persuade the strikers to cease sit-down tactics failed, but it was disclosed that two of their number had been sent to the S.C.A. to secure official intervention on behalf of the strikers.

FOOD SUPPLIES

At about eleven o'clock, wives and relatives of the strikers appeared and began to pass food for their menfolk over the walls and through the barbed wire.

The police intervened and prevented further activity of the kind.

Shortly before, two of the three emergency squad detachments had been sent away, but the police were maintaining a cordon round the factory.

NO RIOT

Throughout the morning, a considerable noise could be heard continuously from the compound, but it is learned that no violence occurred, and that no attempt was made to damage the works or machinery in any way.

Considerable discussion appeared to be going on between the strikers as to the steps to be taken in the event of an attempt by the police to storm

HEAVY FIGHTING NEAR FENLINTU

Hankow, To-day.

Heavy fighting in the region of Fenlintu, which began on Wednesday, is still continuing, without having had any apparent result.

In the Peiping-Hankow Railway zone Chinese guerillas are extremely active.

Reports received here yesterday state that the Japanese are concentrating large forces in the region south of the Hwai River and west of Pengpu, and it is believed that a Japanese attack on Hofei is imminent. - Trans-Ocean.

THE RAID ON NANKING

Shanghai, To-day.

A fleet of nine Chinese bombers escorted by pursuit planes raided the Japanese airfield at Nanking yesterday afternoon. Over 10 bombs were dropped but the results are conflicting, the Japanese claiming that little damage was done and two Chinese planes shot down, while according to vernacular reports extensive damage was done to the Japanese air-base.

The Chinese planes were reported to have departed in a westerly direction after the bombing.—Our Own Correspondent.

the gates. Police policy, however, seemed to be against drastic action as long as the situation within the walls did not develop riotously.

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